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By Joan Hartnett-Barry

"Who loves a ghost story?" asked historian Christopher Daley on Tuesday evening at the Marion Music Hall.

"We do!" responded the crowd, who had gathered to hear the historical facts, together with legend and myth, to take a look at events that really happened in Fall River, Exeter, RI, Boston Harbor, Plymouth and Duxbury.

Mr. Daley presented a slideshow with photos of gravesites, haunted houses and eerie forests, which the audience found intriguing. Over 60 people attended the lecture, which offered homemade refreshments prepared by the Sippican Historical Society's volunteers.

"I love history and this came out of it," said Mr. Daley. "The lore and mystery are intermingled with the history of the times." Mr. Daley, who is a history teacher in the Silver Lake School District in Kingston, MA, speaks to historical societies and schools with an emphasis on the "paranormal". "Today, with TV programs featuring the paranormal, people are interested in the ways people thought and believed in the past, which is welcoming," said Mr. Daley. "I enjoy bringing these interests together for people."

The lecture began with the story of Mercy Brown, the vampire of Exeter, RI who came down with consumption, now known as tuberculosis. Exeter town residents remembered that her mother died of a similar condition. Later her brother, Edwin, also died of TB, along with a younger sister, Mary Olive. But, residents, seeing a streak of misery in one family over a 10-year period,

questioned Mercy Browns' survival and later death, and believed her to be a "vampire" who caused the family demise.

Back then, the folkloric vampire didn't suck blood, but was portrayed as a zombie who worked to suck life out of the living.

After her death, the controversy continued until the townspeople agreed to dig up her grave in the middle of winter only to find... "fresh blood in her chest and lungs", confirming her as a vampire, said Mr. Daley. According to Mr. Daley, they removed the heart from the cadaver and put it on a stone and burned it, which, they believed, was the only way to kill a vampire. Mr. Daley's slideshow envisioned a woman with blood dripping off her mouth, in her grave.

Other stories included the curse of the Freetown State Forest, which is intermingled with the Wampanoag Native Americans who lived and fished there for hundreds of years before Europeans arrived. Considered a sacred place, many Native Americans were caught and slaughtered by the Europeans, and vice versa. "Nothing much has grown there since that time," said Mr. Daley, "it's a spooky and desolate place".

In addition, Mr. Daley spoke about Lizzie Borden and the murder of her stepmother and father and showed photos of the crime scene, circa 1892. "Let's talk about the 30 whacks," said Mr. Daley, as he showed crime scenes of the event.

Mr. Daley spoke of the many "ghost hunters" who have gone through the Borden house and the multiple photos of those who have seen "orbs" of unknown origin,



Above: On October 20, 2011, three projects were presented to the Mattapoisett Community Preservation Committee as potential recipients of CPA funds. From left to right: the Cushing Cemetery wrought iron fence, the Center School Seth Thomas clock restoration project, and the Mattapoisett Bike Path, phase 1B. Photos by Anne Kakley.

On the Cover: We had many great submissions to this year's Wanderer Halloween Cover Contest. This year's winner, selected by online voters, was **Emma Wyman** of Marion! Congratulations Ms. Wyman! Photos of our other entries can be found on page 56 as well as in The Wanderer photo gallery at www.wanderer.com/gallery

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meaning possible spirits remaining in the home and area surrounding it.

Putting a chill on a cool October evening, Mr. Daley left the crowd with a hesitant feeling as they walked out of the Music Hall with a bright moon overhead, an owl hooting nearby and clear skies.

Editing Down Your Life

Lesson from the Bioneers Conference
Laura Fedak Pedulli

In its seventh year running, the Marion Institute called its Connecting For Change: A Bioneers by the Bay Conference last weekend "one of its most successful" events yet – bringing together over one thousand people in downtown New Bedford to discuss sustainable living practices, activism and the local arts.

We've all heard the mantra "less is more" but according to the Marion Institute, few of us actually embrace it. Our worlds are jam-packed with props – electronics, consumables, household items or just plain Kitsch – so much that we need larger homes and more storage space to accommodate it all.

The deluge of stuff makes us taxed beyond our means environmentally, financially and cognitively – according to Bioneers presenter Graham Hill, a self-described Designpreneur and architect who founded www.TreeHugger.com.

Although we've all been lectured at one time

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or another on the need to reduce stuff in our lives, Mr. Hill discussed “the luxury of less” with a new flare and perspective. He heads up the LifeEdited project, whose aim is to build a movement around less space and less stuff by “finding, building or catalyzing best of breed solutions to help us live smaller, happier lives.” In other words, he looks at design to “go small” and advocates for general lifestyle changes toward using less.

In his presentation, Mr. Hill described the phenomenon of “Big” ruling our lives. We said while we once typically lived in 1,000 square foot homes, our living quarters have mushroomed to 2,300 square feet. He said our culture views shopping as a hobby – and while we accumulate more, studies show no correlation with

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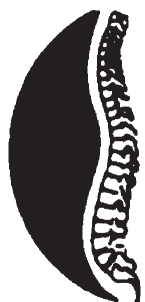
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"Even with all of this excess, we are still not happier," he said.

Interestingly, Mr. Hill's call to simplify does not mean abandoning technology; he is no Luddite. Quite the opposite, he believes that some of the gadgets we have today can play critical roles in simplifying our worlds. He thinks books could be discarded and replaced with electronic reading devices (ie. Kindle), movies could be obtained through NetFlix or other sharing services as opposed to taking space on shelves, and that paperwork can be scanned to avoid buildup.

Mr. Hill also stresses the importance of durability. "If it is twice as expensive but lasts four times as long, it's half price!" he said to some knowing chuckles in the audience. He recommended cast-iron cookware and well-made clothes.

"Stuff isn't passive. Stuff wants your time," he reflected.

Also his architect background informs him on manners to readjust our way of seeing our homes to "get the most bang for the buck." With visuals, he demonstrated to attendees how to cram the functionality of a 600 sq. foot apartment into 420 sq. foot apartment. This task was part of a competition sponsored by LifeEdited to see what architect students and firms could come up with to handle this scenario.

He said people tend to look at rooms as having

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one function – but rooms can be multifunctional and represent “24-hour architecture”. He showed renderings of rooms with foldout beds and tables, televisions that are unveiled only upon demand and smart storage – in other words, rooms that can serve multiple uses for the most hours of the day.

“This is financially smart, healthy and green. It’s a perfect fit,” he said.

Recognizing that not everyone wants to live in a small apartment, Mr. Hill urged attendees to start small in de-cluttering their lives. He challenged everyone to take the following actions:


- Do an hour of personal editing in one aspect of your life (the closet, garage, desk)
 - Try a sharing system (ie. video streaming or car sharing services)
 - Consider buying or renting a smaller place
- “Edit ruthlessly,” he urged the group. In the end, Mr. Hill said we should all edit down stuff, space, media and even people.

“Editing is the skill of his century,” he said.

For more information on the LifeEdited Project, visit: <http://lifeedited.treehugger.com>.



ORR Market Wraps Up Season By Laura Fedak Pedulli

By all accounts, the Old Rochester Regional Farmers Market – which completed its 26-week run on



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While the inaugural season in 2010 averaged six to eight vendors each week – the market doubled in size this year, with 14 to 18 vendors participating every Tuesday afternoon, according to market manager Janice Leary-Jones.

The growing success makes certain that the market will resume next spring. "It'll definitely happen next year," Ms. Leary-Jones said.

This year saw some new items entice market goers, including locally-made rye bread "that is not loaded with chemicals and preservatives," pickles, grass-fed beef and even jalapeno topping, she said. Other offerings included cheese, pasta sauce, honey,

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jam, jelly, vegetable seasoning, soap and tie-dye. Of course, farmers also supplied the usual seasonal produce from strawberries early in the season to peppers/root vegetables peaking in the late fall.

The ability to support local businesspeople while enjoying fresher food is what draws most attendees, Ms. Leary-Jones explained.

"They enjoy being able to source their produce locally. Also they enjoy so much the variety. It's not just produce only, but other shopping gets done, reducing their reliance on having products shipped from far away," she said.

"What people are excited about with Occupy Wall Street going on, is that the best way to build up the local economy is to support the local businessperson instead of giving money to multi-million dollar corporations," she said.

Rochester resident Michelle Cusolito, who attended the market nearly every Tuesday this year, said that the ability to support local businesses is the driving force behind her visits.

"For me, the biggest thing is supporting local farmers and producers... Most of the booths got my business," she said.

She found delight in getting to know the vendors by name. "You see the same people every week," Ms. Cusolito added, commenting that she has run into the same vendors when on the Cape.

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For her, the market has come a long way from its beginnings in Rochester – where it was for many years before moving to ORR. “[Ms. Leary-Jones] has done an amazing job of getting great vendors to come. [In Rochester], they used to have only about three vendors ... Now it is great to have nice diversity,” she said.

Ms. Leary-Jones is looking forward to next spring, and said she hopes to encourage restaurants to source produce from the market “mostly because it is fresh, vibrant, and wonderful to cook with local ingredients.... It would be amazing for the local economy.”

The vendors also are excited to return. “Some of vendors say that this market has the friendliest customers of all farmers markets,” she said.

Although there are no Tri-Town winter markets, for people still looking to buy local during the colder season the Fairhaven Farmers Market is hosting indoors markets on November 20 and December 18 at the Nemasket Gallery at 56 Bridge Street from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. For more information, contact Ann Richard at 508-991-8315.

Other winter markets can be found at Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership’s (SEMAP’s) web site at www.semaponline.org.

Winter Drive Benefits Veterans

By Anne Kakley

Got some gently used or new winter items to spare?

Most people do – that’s what Onset resident Brittany deJesus realized when she started collecting hats, gloves, and winter coats for veterans two years ago. Her organization – called “Helping Hands” – is mostly a one-person operation, but it’s run on heart and gratitude.

Ms. deJesus started the organization after she



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expressed thanks to a veteran in her EMT class. The veteran, she said, informed her that gratitude was often in short supply for those who have served. Determined to show her thanks in a tangible way, Ms. deJesus started collecting winter items for veterans in need.

Although she had worked mostly solo on her mission, she said that she has relied on the kindness of friends and strangers to bring her vision to reality. Her friend Timothy deSousa has put her in touch with veteran homes for the purpose of distributing the winter items, and her friend, Mattapoisett fire chief Andrew Murray, has offered the Mattapoisett fire station as a winter item drop off location for the current drive, which will continue until the second week of November.

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Rochester Church Celebrates 50 Years

By Shawn Sweet

During the third weekend of October, St. Rose of Lima Parish of Rochester celebrated their 50th Anniversary of faith with a Triduum to Thanksgiving. The Parish had the opportunity to commune and reflect on their history during the well-attended, three-day event.

According to Brenda Roose, the Youth Faith Formation Program Director, the Parish hallway offered a gallery of memorabilia and photos during the celebration. "I discovered what felt like a treasure box with photos of the Church being built from beginning to end. Actual pictures from framework to completion. It was a great find," said Ms. Roose. She also came across pictures of the Dedication of the first Pastor, Harold Johnson, who joined the Parish twenty years after it was built.

Up until 1961, the town of Rochester was absent of a Catholic Church. Those interested in attending Church services would have to travel. The nearest then Churches resided in Lakeville and Middleborough.

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"It was great seeing parishioners reconnect with Father Hughes. It was very emotional for me, as I wasn't a parishioner during the time that Father Hughes was here. It just felt so right having him back here, everyone was so happy to see him," said Ms. Roose.

The Anniversary weekend proceeded with a five o'clock Mass on Saturday which was followed by Memories and Munchies. The celebration commenced with a nine o'clock Sunday Mass which was followed by Friends and Faith, a brunch for the Church community to come together and reminisce. "It was a wonderful weekend. There was lots of fun and laughter," said Ms. Roose.

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St. Rose of Lima Parish is located at 282 Vaughan Hill Rd., in Rochester. Information about the Parish and its services can be found at sacredheartstrose.org.

Cease and Desist Hearing Draws Crowd

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

The Mattapoisett Board of Appeals met Thursday, October 20 to hold public hearings on two appeals and three applications, including an appeal by Jeremy Malcolm of 22 Ocean View Avenue of a Cease and Desist Order, issued by the Acting Building Inspector, dated August 29, 2011.

Over 50 people attended the hearing, prompting Building Inspector Andy Bobola to request that windows be opened and the permission of attendees to allow a room that legally holds 50 to hold slightly more than that for the appeal appointment.

After much discussion, the board decided to uphold the Cease and Desist Order until certain conditions were met, including the applicant applying for a Special Permit to operate a boat repair business. Other conditions included working out the storage of boats, landscaping equipment and supplies along with the parking and of vehicles and equipment according to town by-laws with the building inspector.

"These are complex issues," said Chairman

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Jeffrey Chase, "and we want the applicant and the proper authorities to come to a meeting of the minds." The board heard from various parties, including abutter Judy Crane who said that she lived across the street from the Malcolm property and said that the amount of boats and equipment was excessive for a residential neighborhood.

Another resident said that Mr. Malcolm was a valued and important component of the Brandt Island Beach neighborhood. "The town doesn't plow where I live... I depend on Mr. Malcolm to do that. He is a wonderful person and one we depend upon," she said. At least six others spoke in support of the Malcolm family, prompting Chairman Chase to ask if there was any other comment "on something we haven't already heard."



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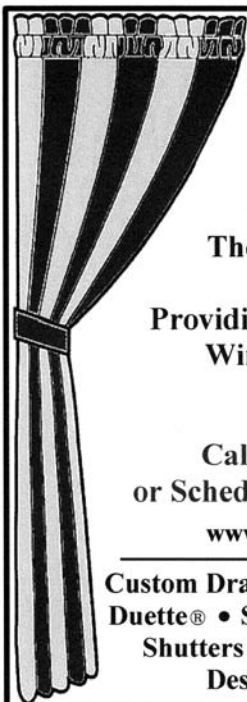
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During the discussion period by the board, several members agreed that they wouldn't want to be the abutter, but the overwhelming support of the neighborhood prompted them to attempt to work with the applicant to find a compromise.

At issue was a small business, started by Mr. Malcolm's father, John Malcolm, back in the early 1960s when he was one of the few year-round residents of the Brandt Island Beach neighborhood and would look after neighbors' properties, mow lawns, fix boat engines, repair boats and help neighbors get their boats in and out of the water. The attorneys for the Malcolm family and the disputing abutter presented affidavits, photos, plot plans and numerous other information to the board for consideration. A major question was whether the business was grandfathered back before zoning was incorporated in the town.

Other business at the meeting included the application of Susan and Alan Fine on property located at 1 Waterman Street. The Fines were seeking a Special Permit for further consideration after amending the house plans. The original plan included two decks, with one at eight feet and another at 10 feet. The amended proposal presented reduced the deck to one at four feet.

At issue was the percentage of lot coverage by the homes in the area, with the Fine lot proposal at 29.2 percent of lot coverage. The board said that they strive for 25 percent. The revised proposal was approved.

An appeal by Bruce E. Rocha, Jr. of 5 Prospect Road was discussed regarding a studio apartment without the proper permits regarding occupancy. The board upheld the building inspector's finding and rejected the appeal. An application which followed for the same applicant was approved with the condition that the applicant follow any and all applicable permits, codes and requirements necessary to make the unit a legal residence including a tie in with sewer hook up to both units on the lot.

An application by Sharon Thompson for owner Lois Martin Trustee at 1 Bay View Avenue, Cedars regarding a Special Permit to allow the construction of decks and a shed that will not meet the required setbacks was discussed. The board approved the request.

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Tabor Announces New Headmaster

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Tabor Academy's Board of Trustees announced on October 18 its "enthusiastic and unanimous" recommendation to select John Quirk as the school's new Headmaster. Mr. Quirk is replacing Headmaster Jay Stroud – who is stepping down after 24 years in the position – and he will formally assume the new role on July 1, 2012.

Mr. Stroud announced his retirement earlier this year but until now no one knew who would fill his shoes. The headmaster oversees Tabor's 188 employees and 517 students.

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have a deliberate, thoughtful and thorough process and no one would feel rushed. We're all thrilled with John. He is a very experienced person who has been in business for 25 years," Mr. Stroud said. "I'll be 68 years old at retirement. I've had a great long run."

Mr. Stroud said the Board of Trustees conducted a "very lengthy search process" that entailed vetting hundreds of resumes for the position. After many days of interviews, the 11-person board chose Mr. Quirk, the Associate Head for School Affairs at the Brooks School in North Andover, MA, to lead Tabor. During his 25-year tenure at Brooks, he also served as Dean of Students and Afternoon Programs, Co-Dean of Students, Coordinator of School Exchange Programs and instructor of Latin and Greek – and was Coach for three varsity sports teams.

"[Mr. Quirk's] passion, enthusiasm, energy and desire were apparent to all. John sees Tabor's challenges as opportunities not only for the institution but for himself and his family," said Keith Browning, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in a statement.

40B Reaches Compromise at Town Meeting

Marion 2011 Special Town Meeting

By Anne Kakley

A well-attended special town meeting convened on Tuesday, October 25 in the Sippican School to tackle a four-article warrant, including three articles submitted by the Community Preservation Committee for

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The first and most anticipated article asked town meeting members to approve an appropriation of \$300,000 from Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds to acquire 12 acres of land off Front Street. The land is appraised for \$670,000.

The acquisition, according to presenters, was part of an agreement with developers to permanently scale-back a proposed 40B affordable housing project that has been in litigation for the past ten years.

By approving the article, the town would enter a binding agreement with developers, Bay Watch Realty Trust, in regards to "Marion Village Estates", to reduce the scope and scale of the project. If approved, the land

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acquisition would reduce the units from 168 to 96, and increase the number of affordable units from 25 percent to 63 percent. This was significantly smaller than the original application, which included 192 units, according to Sippican Lands Trust president Chris Bryant.

"The problem is, we can't just have it go away... this is the 40B law we're dealing with," said Mr. Bryant. "There's a lot of loopholes they can use to put in a lot of units [and] avoid our local zoning."

Abutters, concerned citizens and the Sippican Lands Trust put together the proposal as a way to bring the town and the developer to a compromise. According to Mr. Bryant, including conservation land in the deal would reduce the possibility of additional units.

Additionally, Front Street would not need to be widened to support 96 new units, and the agreement would include the donation of a strip of land to the town for the completion of a bike path.

"We can either go down this road now by buying this land," said Mr. Bryant, "or we can take our chances with the legal system."

Zoning Board Chairman Bob Wedge called the compromise a "God send", throwing his full endorsement behind the article and acquisition. "It's a second chance for us in town to mitigate the density," he said. "40B is a flawed law, but it is a law... it puts small towns like us at a disadvantage."

"The selectmen have not taken a formal vote," said Selectman Jonathan Henry, "but we have formed a consensus on this project and we support it and we'd like to see it happen... It's time to start banging nails."

Planning Board Vice Chairman and Community Preservation Committee member Tom Magauran also showed support for the acquisition. "I think this is the best, most realistic solution we could find," he

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Town meeting showed overwhelming support for the article, and passed it unanimously.

In a more contentious item, town meeting members defeated a selectmen-endorsed article to hire a Owner's Project Manager for the purpose of determining the future of the Town House restoration/renovation.

According to Town Administrator Paul Dawson, Mass General Law dictated that an Owner's Project Manager was required on all public works project that would cost \$1.5 million or more. Admitting that it seemed like the town was "putting the cart before the horse", Selectman Henry asked the town to make an appropriation of \$141,000, which would come from CPA historic reserves.

Town meeting members expressed confusion over the appropriation, saying that citizen-run feasibility studies, and public meetings, should come before hiring a manager so the town could determine whether it wanted to restore the failing 19th century town building, or replace it altogether.

"You can have a public meeting any time," said Mr. Dawson. "If that's going to get incorporated into decision making for a public building that will cost 1.5 million or more, you are required to hire a owner's project manager."

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nature of the historic reserve appropriation, which could ultimately result in no historical preservation.

Financial Committee chairman Alan Minard suggested that the town meeting should table the article for the spring town meeting to allow time for a citizen committee to be formed. He suggested that other town needs, including the need for a Council on Aging location, could also be incorporated by an appointed committee. Town meeting defeated the article.

Additionally, town meeting:

- Approved a CPA appropriation of \$9,404 from Fiscal Year 2012 and \$31,211 from Historic Preservation reserves for the Sippican Women's Club to replace the windows at Handy's Tavern.

- Accepted a donation of land and buildings from YSI, Incorporated, located at 13 Atlantis Drive, for general municipal uses.

SRPEDD Rep Talks Regionalization

Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Southeastern Regional Planning Economy Development District's (SRPEDD's) Randall Kunz met with the Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen at their meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 211 to update them on the latest priorities of the agency.

He said that SRPEDD is looking to strengthen regional centers with an eye toward identifying areas

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Mr. Kunz cited Board of Health as an example of a department that could serve more than one town. "There is a uniformity of interpretation. You find that you could be spread thinner and achieve higher quality and less overhead," he noted.

In a related conversation on bike path developments, Town Administrator Michael Gagne weighed in that Rep. William Straus is working to obtain easement rights from the YMCA and golf course near Reservation Road. Mr. Gagne said that Straus – Co-

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Chair of the Transportation Committee – has identified \$1,400,000 of uncommitted funds available in FY 2013 that could in part be used to advance the bike path.

"We are all trying to pull our cards together to get early consideration," the town administrator said.

Mr. Gagne also expressed an interest in working with SRPEDD on a regional bus system. "We are in desperate need of revamping," he said.

The Selectmen also met with Highway Surveyor Barry Denham, who provided the board with the private road regulations and said that all inspections of these roads are complete. Oliver's Lane will be completely paved by the end of the day on Tuesday, November 1, he added.

"I'm sure residents will be very happy," Chairman Paul Silva said.

"It's been a long time coming," Mr. Denham replied.

Mr. Denham said that his department is planning to plow 30 miles of private roads and 40 miles of public roads during this upcoming winter season. He said the mileage remains "about the same" as what he was responsible for before the enactment of the private road regulations that limited which private roads received plowing services to those it had historically plowed in the past.

He added that the salt shed is filled and ready to roll for the snow season ahead – and it was noted that



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his department would request funds at the Special Town Meeting in November to purchase a small one-ton diesel whipper sander to replace a malfunctioning one.

At next year's spring annual meeting, his department will request a larger vehicle – for use as a dump truck and for sanding – as part of its five-year capital plan.

In the town administrator's report, Mr. Gagne said that Mr. Denham and Field Engineering are hard at work on getting permits for a stormwater treatment plan on the south end of North Street – in particular the town beach parking lot. He said Conservation Commission approval is still required, but hopes that permitting will be in place to allow for a completed sidewalk, curbing and

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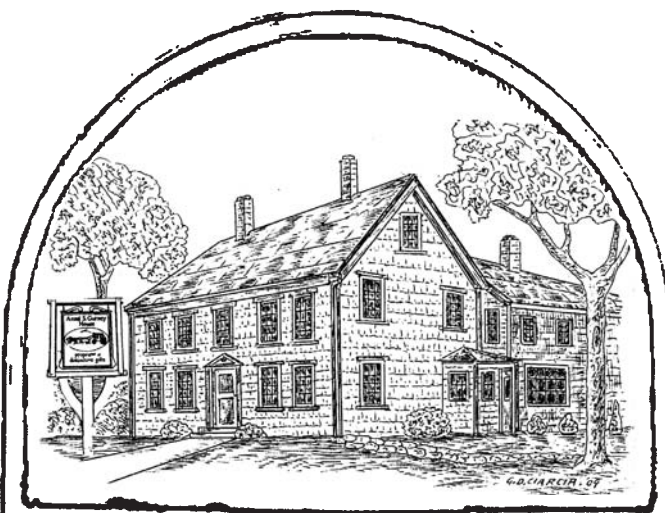
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In other news, Mr. Gagne said that Plymouth County was deemed eligible for cleanup reimbursement funds for Hurricane Irene damage, and that Police Chief Mary Lyons is working with FEMA on receiving a portion of these monies. The town spent \$80,000 on cleanup, he said.

Mr. Gagne also discussed his desire to form an "energy collaborative" – which he described as "a clearinghouse" for town residents on how to implement energy upgrades in their homes. He is planning to endorse a warrant article at the spring town meeting asking for \$5,000 from free cash to launch the collaborative.

In other business, the board:

- Acknowledged the appointments of Chairman Silva, Jack Eklund and Grace Knox to the Finance Committee
- Announced that a public hearing on the town's proposed aquaculture rules and regulations and the updated Waterfront Management Plan will take place on Tuesday, November 1 a 6:30 pm at Center School
- Announced that Veteran's Day Exercises will be held at November 11, 2011 at 11:00 am at Old Hammondtown School
- Announced that the Town Hall is seeking canned goods, tree ornaments and lighting for the town's holiday festivities

The town Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

Marion Ponders Green Community Goal

Marion Energy Management Committee

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

Stating that Rome wasn't built in a day, Chairman David Pierce and members of the Marion Energy Management Committee outlined their goals at a meeting on Monday at the Marion Music Hall. The committee is charged with investigating ways to help Marion create clean, renewable energy for the future and reduce current energy waste in the town.

The primary discussion was whether the

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committee should aim to have Marion qualify under the Green Communities Act and, thereby, possibly qualify for a \$150,000 grant to assist the town in improving energy efficiency or start with smaller goals and go forward. The Green Communities Act, passed in 2008, encourages towns in the state to reduce electric bills, promote the development of renewable energy and stimulate the clean energy industry.

"We are not doing this for the grant from the state. We're doing this because it's important, wise and reasonable to do this for the benefit of our town," said Mr. Pierce. Members attending included Chairman David Pierce, Steve Kokkins, Robert Fisher, Eunice Manduca and Bill Saltonstall.



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The committee decided not to focus on the grant, but begin by breaking down the Green Communities Act's qualification standards and make a list of pros and cons on each item as to feasibility in Marion. Each member will present their research, ideas and opinions at the next meeting. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 28 at the Marion Music Hall at 7:00 pm and the public is encouraged to attend to add input or ideas.

"Seventy to eighty communities (in MA) have already met this goal," said Mr. Pierce. "We have a lot of research already done for us... let's not reinvent the wheel."

Among the areas discussed, fuel efficiency of town owned vehicles, zoning issues around solar installations and assessing the energy efficiency of town buildings were the top three items to be tackled by the committee.

"We need to inform our sister boards about our goals and how to get there," said Mr. Pierce. Mr. Pierce suggested that each board member attend meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Selectman, Board of Health, Planning Board and Conservation Commission to bring awareness of energy efficiency to future projects.

"Look at the 40B project," said Mr. Kokkins, "there was an opportunity for solar panels that was overlooked or not even considered." The board agreed that zoning by-laws should incorporate and consider the future renewable energy needs of the town.

Green education was also discussed, with Mr. Pierce saying that many people are confused about solar energy and its costs and benefits. Mr. Saltonstall noted that he had installed solar panels on his home and currently has a negative balance on his electric bill. "It's approximately a three year payback," said Mr. Saltonstall, regarding the cost of the system and the time it takes to recover the initial investment.

Mattapoisett CPC Hears Proposals

Mattapoisett Community Preservation

By Anne Kakley

At their October 20 meeting, the Mattapoisett Community Preservation Committee heard three

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proposals for CPA (Community Preservation Act) fund applications. CPA funds, which are collected from property taxes as a part of the Community Preservation Act, are an annual source of funding for open space, historical, and housing initiatives.

With approximately half a million available in its coffers, the Committee sat to listen to the proposals for informational purposes, but did not take any votes.

In the first application, the Committee met with Raymond Andrews to hear a plea for help in raising funds for the Center School clock restoration project. Since March, Mr. Andrews has made it his mission to raise at least one dollar from each Center School alumnus to meet a goal of \$70,000, to fund the restoration of the 1898 Seth



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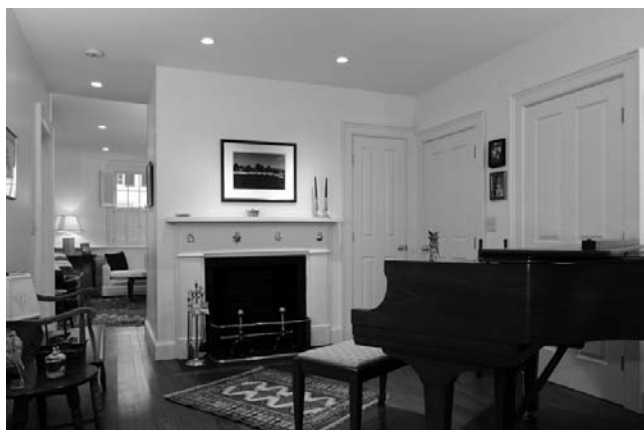
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Thomas clock, which chimed at all hours in the village until the mid-1990s.

According to Mr. Andrews, mismanagement of the clock's care led to gummed gears and eventually, the clock stopped working. An attempt by the police department to raise funds and restore the clock was only a temporary fix, but Mr. Andrews said that he hoped this new effort would permanently restore the clock for the village.

"This is the town's jewel," he said. "It's a historical artifact. It's the town's. We need to step up to the plate."

So far, Mr. Andrews has raised \$15,000 in private donations, but another \$55,000 is needed to dismantle and remove the clock, have it restored, cleaned, re-painted, tested and re-installed. The school committee voted to not allow the clock to be manually wound, for liability purposes, so it will cost an additional \$8,500 to have the clock automated. Additionally, the clock would be on an AM/PM timer to avoid late night chimes.

"For the first time in 113 years, the clock would be viewable by the public," said Mr. Andrews. "Something [the public have] never been able to see, they would be able to see."

According to Mr. Andrews, if CPA funds are unavailable and if the public doesn't come through with donations, the current mechanisms will be cut and the clock will be modernized for about \$12,000.

A second CPA proposal was made by Highway Surveyor Barry Denham, who asked the Committee to consider funding a fence restoration around the Cushing Cemetery. Mr. Denham estimated that the wrought-iron ornamental fence, which abuts Acushnet and Mendell Roads, was likely built in the later part of the 19th century. The cemetery itself, he said, dates back to 1806 when it was town-owned, and it contains Revolutionary and Civil War veterans.

As a representative of the non-profit group that maintains the Cushing Cemetery, Mr. Denham said that his application would likely ask for funds to sandblast and repaint the fence. Estimates for such work ranged from \$15,533 to 23,000, Mr. Denham said, with full

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In a third application, the Committee met with Bonne DeSousa and Stephen Kelleher of the Bike Path Committee.

Upon request of the CPC members, Mr. Kelleher reviewed the use of previous CPA allocations over the past three years. Those funds have gone to the new Mattapoisett Bike Path bridge, which was constructed by Old Colony students, and to land acquisition needed for the path. The ultimate goal of bike path "Phase 1B" would be to connect the bike path to Depot Street, Mr. Kelleher said.

Applications for CPA funds are due to the Committee by November 15, and will be reviewed by the Committee for their recommendations before being presented to town meeting voters.

The Bulldog is the Top Dog

School Report

By Anne Smith

• **Homecoming** – On Monday, the students of Old Rochester Regional High School had to return to a normal school week – one that pales in comparison to the craziness and high energy level of homecoming week. In the annual Powder Puff football game between the junior and senior girls, the junior class was once again victorious, making this the third year in a row that the younger girls won the game. Surprisingly, the

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• **Pep Rally** – The pep rally was a success, as always, and featured senior **Mikayla Florio** as the singer for the National Anthem. Senior **Shannon Frink**, dressed as Glinda for the senior skit, acted as the announcer for the entire rally, getting the school excited for the different performances. The cheerleading team amazed the school with their high flying stunts, and the dance team presented a new routine that showcased each group of students, emphasizing seniors and dance team captains: **Roslyn Flaherty**, **Madison Costa**, and **Jami Durocher**.

Then the classes took turns presenting their skits to the rest of the school. The freshmen went first with their skit, which was based on the children's television show, "Phineas and Ferb." The sophomores went second with their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory skit. The juniors, who presented the most competition for the seniors with their Back to the Future skit, went third and entertained the entire student body with an amusing dance routine

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working backwards in time to the 1961 Old Rochester Regional homecoming football game. The seniors, who experienced technical difficulties with music at the start, certainly had the best skit (of course!) that featured **Shannon Frink** as Glinda, **Katie Holden** as Dorothy, **Connor Maloney** as Toto (the bulldog), **Max Risch** as the Lion, **John Simcoe** as the Tin Man, **Scott McDavid** as the Scarecrow, **Joe Tripp** as the Wicked Witch of the West, and numerous students as Munchkins, Ballerinas in the Lullaby League, Munchkins in the Lollipop Guild, Flying Monkeys, and Poppies.

Yet while homecoming week is over, it isn't fair to say that the school spirit will be lost. Instead, the community is invited to participate in a pre-game pep



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• **ORR Drug Search** – On a certainly unrelated note, the high school conducted a drug search with the help of a canine unit on Tuesday, October 11. The drug search involved seven dogs and seven handlers. Mr. Devoll said that the dogs were in the building from 9:15 to 10:00 am, and left the parking lot at 10:30 am. "All lockers and parked cars were searched," Mr. Devoll said, "as well as 16 random classrooms." Mr. Devoll said that during the search, the dogs had four hits that turned out to be false positives, as no drugs were uncovered. "I heard of no complaints from parents or students," Mr. Devoll said in the immediate weeks after the drug search; please note that he had called home to parents immediately after the drug search to explain the nature of the procedure and to field any questions. "These drug searches are part of School Committee policy and are supported by law," Mr.



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By India Krawczyk

• **Old Rochester Girls Volleyball** – It was a less than stellar beginning to the week for the Bulldogs, who lost to Fairhaven 3-0 by scores of 25-19, 25-17, and 25-16. The Bulldogs put forth maximum effort, however, with **Jordan Kepner** leading with 13 assists, **Avery Langlois** with 12 digs, and strong overall games played by **Jacki Schroeder** and **Gabby Reuter**.

Unfortunately, ORR lost to Case in their second

go-around 3 games to 0 by scores of 25-18, 25-16, and 25-13.

Again, the Bulldogs suffered a defeat this week, this time at the hands of Wareham. Losing 3 games to 1, ORR was beat out by scores of 25-20, 25-27, 25-15, and 25-14. Maximum effort was put forth, however, with **Jacki Schroeder** scoring 13 service points including 3 aces, **Jordan Kepner** with 13 assists, and **Avery Langlois** with 10 digs. The Bulldogs now stand at 5-10 overall and 5-9 in the SCC.

Old Rochester Boys Soccer – ORR beat Fairhaven this week 2-0 to improve their record for the season to 10-2-2. Junior **Teddy Costa** scored both goals for the Bulldogs, assisted in the second by **Jon Zucco**.

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ORR continues to win, beating Case High School 8-1 this week. **Matt Teefy** scored ORR's first goal, followed by **Teddy Costa** with the next two and **Nik Coelho** with the fourth and fifth. Also contributing to the victory were **Max Sherman**, **Jon Zucco**, and **Teddy Kassabian** with a goal each. Contributing in assists were **Jon Zucco**, **Nik Coelho** and **Nate Houston** each with two, and **Ian Gray** and **Chris Muther** with one. Goalie **Andrew Hughes** also had a good game with 5 saves. ORR's record now stands at 11-2-2.

Ending the week on an up note, the Bulldogs once again beat Wareham with a score of 3-0 to improve to 12-2-2 for the season. **Jon Zucco** led the way for ORR, with **Max Sherman** and **Nik Coelho** assisting on two of **Zucco's** goals. Also playing well were midfielders **Nate Houston** and **Matt Teefy**, as well as goalie **Matt Beatty** and ORR's defense. Next up for the Bulldogs is **Bourne** at ORR.

• **Old Rochester Football** – The Homecoming game at ORR, a much-anticipated event, went well for the Bulldogs. Beating the Fairhaven Blue Devils 14-12, the Bulldogs emerged victorious. Next up, the ORR Football team travels to Wareham High School for a game Friday, October 28.

• **Old Rochester Boys and Girls Cross Country** – The ORR boys and girls faced their toughest meet of the season this week against New Bedford Voke to determine who would remain undefeated. The ORR Girls' Cross Country Team pulled through and defeated Voke to clinch

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and undefeated season, while the ORR boys, not for a lack of effort, lost by just one place. **Mike Wyman** finished second for the boys, just behind Voke's top runner. **Nick Pacheco** and **David Friedman** followed him up, despite a back injury on Friedman's part. On the Girl's side, **Sam Barrett** finished first, followed by **Paige Santos** and **Janice Weldon**. Now both teams look ahead to the SCC meet on Saturday, October 29 at Washburn Park.

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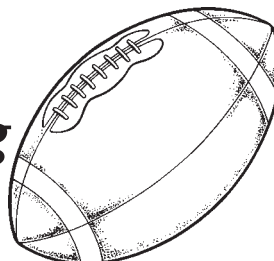
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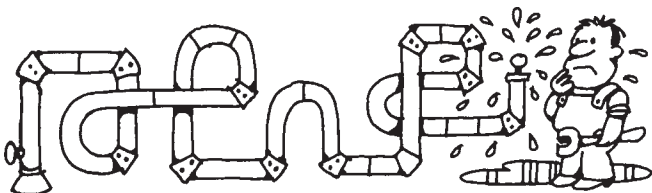


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To the Editor:

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Thank you to all the EMTs and fire fighters who responded to the fire and indirectly saved me. Thank you.

And then, I sincerely thank the neighbor I had not met. The person who went above and beyond what was expected. She simply asked me if I would like to come sit on her porch and collect myself, offering to make a phone call for me.

Thank you Steffanie, you and your amazing family are true examples of what being American is all about. You and your family are special people, and for me, when the very worst happens, the best in us emerges, and it was true that night.

Also, thank you to Brian Cook, my former landlord, who was able to retrieve my great-grandmother's "Miracle Trunk", brought to this country in 1887 and a precious piece of my family's heritage.

The American Red Cross deserves a thank you for their assistance and counseling, which has helped me through the horror of that night.

Finally, thank you to my incredible daughter and her husband, who took me into their home and made me feel safe again, and reminded me "this is what family

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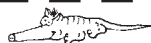
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Many thanks to everyone who stopped by with clothing, food, and compassion. I consider myself extremely fortunate to be finally writing this letter. Thank you one and all.

Sincerely,
Denise Schwartz
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To the Editor:

My name is Dylan DeSilva. I am eighteen years old and live in Brewster, MA. Six years ago, I wanted to find a way to honor our troops for their service and dedication to our country, so I started a non-profit

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Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for helping to support our troops, especially during the holiday season when it is most difficult to be away from home.

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This is the last installment of entries into our Annual Halloween Story Contest - Thank you to everyone who entered!

The Halloween Mystery

Entry #16

"Whoa! Your face is cool!" Julian said as he looked at my half carved pumpkin. It was the 24th, a week before Halloween. My friends, Julian, Chris, and I decided to create the scariest pumpkins on the street. I looked at my friends' pumpkins. They were pretty cool too. Chris was a great artist and his pumpkin definitely showed it.

We were talking away when I saw my one-year-old husky puppy named Lily come barreling across my yard heading straight for us. She pounced on me and knocked me over. "Lily!" I laughed. Julian lives across the street from me and right now, his yellow lab, Rusty, just started barking.

"I'll go put him inside." Julian said.

My mom called us in for lunch. "Yeah!" Chris yelled as he hopped up and ran into the house. I waited for Julian outside. As I started carving my pumpkin again I swear I saw its unevenly cut mouth open and close.

"What the?" I sat there trying to figure out if I was just seeing things that I barely noticed Julian creep up on me.

"You all right man?" asked Julian.

"Yeah... I'm fine"

As I walked up my deck stairs I stumbled on something.

"Ouch!" I said. I stared down at the vine that I hadn't noticed before. "That's weird."

"Dude, do you want to have lunch or not."

"Sorry." I said rubbing my bruised knee.

That night I heard a strange sound coming from... I didn't really know where it was coming from. At first I thought it was just Lily snoring at the end of my bed. Then I heard it again and this time a little louder. I walked down stairs and walked out onto my porch. Assuming it was just the wind, I went back to bed.

The next few days before Halloween, dragged by slowly. We finished our pumpkins and they looked awesome! We liked them so much that we put candles in them and put them on our doorsteps a day early.

On the day before Halloween, Chris, Julian and I decided to go skateboarding. We brought Lily and Rusty with us, too. We had fun, but it was getting late and it was time to go home. When we got home, I didn't notice anything wrong at first. Then I did.

"My pumpkin! Where'd it go!" I looked at my friends accusingly.

"What, do you think I would steal yours, Eric?" Julian said. He spun around on his heels. "Mine's gone too!"

"Maybe we should check at my house. Michael could have taken them as a joke." Chris said. Chris had a point, his older brother, Michael, was always playing jokes on us. We put Lily and Rusty in our houses and skateboarded to Chris's house two streets away. When we got there, I knew something was wrong. All our pumpkins were sitting in a row on their doorstep. If Michael had taken them, he would have hid them.

"That's weird." I said. "We should check if Michael did it anyway though."

When we walked into the house I was greeted by Chris's gray kitten, Sugar. The house smelled of cookies.

"Where's Michael?" Chris asked his mom.

"He might be in his room. Cookie anyone?" She said.

"Thanks Mrs. Weaver." I said before taking a warm cookie from the pile. We ran upstairs ready to yell at Michael. He was sprawled out across his bed listening to his iPod. Chris walked over and yanked out an earplug.

"Hey!" Michael yelled and pushed Chris.

"Michael! Why did you take our pumpkins?"

"What pumpkins?" Michael yelled with an irritated tone to his voice.

"The ones that we carved and are now sitting on your doorstep." I said, now getting annoyed. If Michael didn't do it, then who did? The pumpkins couldn't get there themselves, could they? I realized that I didn't tell my friends about the strange noises I heard, and now had a strong urge to.

"C'mon guys, I don't think it was Michael who did it." I said.

"Thank you Eric." Michael said before putting his earplug back in. We walked out of Michael's messy room.

"Eric! What do you mean, it wasn't Michael?"

I told Julian and Chris about the weird noises and how I thought that they were somehow related to our pumpkins. After that, we called it a night and Julian and I started home. When we went to grab our pumpkins, something weird happened. Dark green vines suddenly grew out of the stems and connected to each other. Julian dropped his pumpkin and it broke into little pieces that scattered everywhere. There was a moment of silence before the pumpkin fixed its self, and this time the face that was originally carved in, now looked angry.

"Ahhh!" Julian and I yelled in unison. We ran all the way home and threw the pumpkins in the woods behind my house. We went in my house to calm down and call Chris to tell him what just happened.

"No way!" Chris said over the phone, "I don't believe it!"

"Well you better get used to it, because I have a feeling that this Halloween is one we will remember forever." Hearing myself say that out loud made me more sure of myself and left an eerie feeling in my stomach.

It was finally Halloween night and my mom was helping me put on my zombie costume. I had dressed Lily up too. She was a lily(the flower)! I walked outside and sat down waiting for Chris and Julian. I wish my pumpkin was still here. I thought. I thought about it some more and decided that I didn't want that freaky plant sitting on my doorstep anymore.

"You look awesome!"

I looked up and saw a mummy and a ghost.

"Hey guys!" I said. "You look awesome too!"

"Let's get going, I am staving for candy!" Chris said from inside his ghost costume.

"Yeah, I wonder how much candy we will get." Julian said.

We started on our street and worked our way to the center

of town. When we got to the top of our street I thought I heard someone behind us. Unfortunately, it was my little sister, Nora, dressed in her pony costume.

"Mom!" I whined, "Does she have to come with us!"

"I guess not, but she wants to." My mom answered.

"Nora," I said "If I let you take Lily, will you go with mom?"

"Okay!" she said excitedly. I handed Nora the leash and let out a breath of relief. Sometimes four- year-old little sisters get in the way of twelve year old brothers and their friends. We could finally go on with Trick or Treating.

We were pretty high on the candy but could never get too much. We came to a house that looked pretty decent, with two chihuahuas yapping in the window. I started hearing the strange sound again.

"Uhhh,... guys?" I said turning to my friends. They were already at the Chihuahua house gathering more unneeded candy. I turned to detect the sound but it suddenly stopped, and all the pumpkins on the street seemed to be facing me. I decided to ignore the thumping sound and go on with trick or treating. Halloween is my favorite holiday, but I just couldn't enjoy this one because there was someone or something lingering around the crispy fall air.

After ignoring the sound for a couple more streets, it really got on my nerves.

"Julian, do you here that?"

"Here what?"

"That sound...that thumping sound."

"Well, now that you say that, I do" Julian said. A weird feeling went up my spine. Behind me I heard something moving. Julian, Chris and I spun around.

"Ahhh!" We screamed. There was a huge pumpkin the size of a car somehow swiftly moving towards us.

"Run!" I yelled. We ran onto a street named Maple street where my cousin lives. All the pumpkins on that street started chasing us too. The next thing I remember is that I was lying on my couch with an icepack on my head and my mom staring down at me.

"W...what's going on?" I asked. I tried to sit up but I had a painful headache.

"We were getting chased by the pumpkins when you tripped and knocked your head on the curb." Julian said. My mom went to get another ice pack. "Eric, I tried to tell your mom about the pumpkins but she just insisted that they were foolish teenagers trying to scare us."

"Ohh...those were real pumpkins alright." I said "What time is it?"

"About eleven at night. You were unconscious for a long time," Chris said.

Lily hopped onto my lap. Nora ran downstairs with a lollypop in her mouth.

"Hey brofer, how ya feeln'"

"I'm fine Nora." I said, "why are you still up, you should be sleeping."

"Otay!" she said with the stickiness of the Lollypop everywhere on her body. My mom walked into

the room.

"Julian and Chris, you guys can stay for the night if it's okay with your moms."

After calling for permission, we went upstairs to my room to settle down for the night.

"What are we going to do about the pumpkins, I mean we have to figure out what happened out there." Chris said.

"I think I know how." I said with a grin.

We walked outside to where Julian and I threw our pumpkins. It was about eleven thirty and I wanted to see what would happen to them after Halloween night was over. As my watch showed twelve o'clock we all stared at the remains of our broken pumpkins. All of the sudden they disappeared.

"It still doesn't all make sense," Julian said

"Well, then I guess you'll just have to figure it out yourself." I said with a smile.

Our Halloween mystery probably won't ever be figured out, but for now, at least it's being kept a big, giant secret.

Trick? or Treat?

Entry #17

Halloween has been a traditional time of fun, excitement, and in some aspect, being someone or something else. In a small New England town, Halloween decorations have always been a tradition as is trick-or-treating. However, not for one particular lady in a particular house. Down Old Cottage Road, every house but Gloria Peterson's, a retiree and widow, was full of decorations, lights, pumpkins, the whole nine yards. Gloria wasn't a "scrooge" of Halloween, it's just that nobody goes to her house on that night so she must not figure to decorate. However, every year she receives one visitor. Ever since he could trick-or-treat, Seth Donohue has visited Gloria with a smile, a costume and a "trick-or-treat".

Every year when he comes home after being out with his friends, he empties his bag for a candy-check. Even though Gloria is a well-respected, well-liked member of society, better to be safe than sorry. Every year, Seth's mother asks, "so what did Ms. Peterson give you this year?" Seth replies, "nothing, Mom." It's true, Gloria meets Seth at the door, but never gives him anything. It never bothered Seth, but no harm came from it and Mrs. Donohue didn't see any cause for concern. Another year rolls around, Seth makes his usual stop at Gloria's house for a visit and then comes home for a candy check, still nothing.

As the years go on, Seth became older, old enough that his mother thought he was mature enough to find out why he was the only one that went there. Come to find out, Seth hadn't been given anything each year. Instead, he gave her time, time to say "hi" each year to make her feel like a part of town still. Seth was at the library one day doing a school project in which he needed to look through old newspaper clippings and articles. As he was looking through the clippings, he stumbled upon one regarding Gloria. He decided to take some time to read it, however, what he read surely put the saying, "you look like you've seen a ghost" into perspective. Gloria Peterson

had passed away when Seth was about 8 years old, but he still visited her on Halloween night until he was about 12 years old. Being 16 years old now and with Halloween being tonight, Seth went to Gloria's house to visit, however she never appeared because she didn't recognize him without a costume on. Trick? Or Treat? For who?

The Key to the Best Halloween Ever

Entry #18

Mondays. By most standards Mondays are a school-age kid's worst nightmare. Besides pop quizzes, of course. But not this Monday certainly. This Monday was Halloween! I, Nikki Martin, was going to get dressed up as a Bo Derek hippie.

My best friend, Amy Fitzpatrick, was still kicking back and reassuring me that Rome was not built in a day. *Yeah, but your costume's about to be built in three hours!* I said in my head. I loved Amy to death, but that was the one thing I couldn't stand about her.

We planned to hit the streets around seven, gather some candy, then, completely oblivious to our parents, would go to Tasha Thomas' Halloween bash at her mansion on Holloway Avenue. It was, like, the best Halloween party ever, Tasha claimed. Amy and I knew it would be pretty awesome, too.

The half school day at the junior high school flew by. Amy went to my house after school. We put together a black kitty cat jumpsuit for her. It took me about two hours for me to pile on the black eyeliner for Amy. Slowly, I put my corn row blonde wig on top of my untamable red hair, stepped into my pink platform lace-up heels, and tied together all my necklaces. We were cool looking. We were totally going to win Tasha's "Best Costumes" award later.

As we walked out my front door, my mom warned us to stay away from the Holloway Ave. houses, as they were too far away, and that we shouldn't stay out too long. We waved goodbye and started sprinting down the street. I took in some decorations on the front lawns: gravestones, "bloody" lawnmowers and hatchets, fake cobwebs, and elaborately carved pumpkins.

Not long after, we started filling up our pillowcases with chocolate, gum, and whiffle balls. We were just walking along peacefully when Amy ordered me to turn right at the next street sign. I did. We ended up at a big street light with a big, pretty black and white sign reading "Holloway Ave". I became anxious.

"Amy, I don't think—" I started nervously.

"Don't sweat it, Blondie. We'll go right back to base, and when the coast is clear, get to Tasha's," she reassured me. I relaxed a little. I followed her around, gazing at the large, luxurious, pretty mansions with iron-wrought fences, limousines, and perfectly green lawns. For one second, Amy looked unsure as to which way to turn. She chose left. It took us to a dark, misty, ominous place. Tall, abandoned mansions loomed over us, crooked.

Then, Amy got an idea. She pointed to the tallest, blackest, ugliest, scariest looking house. She said:

"I dare you to go in that house."

I felt confused, scared, and extremely maddened at the same time. "Fine!" I declared.

She grinned triumphantly. "Okay. But, you have

to go in the back door."

"Why?"

"It's scarier."

"Uh huh..."

"Whatever. I'm going in with you, though." So we trudged through the potentially terrifying tall grass to the back door. There was so much grass and ivy and weeds, we couldn't get to the door; we had to use the basement lift-door in the ground. Down seven steps to a wooden door. Amy shut it. Half a second later, I heard the unmistakable *click* as it locked. Amy and I stared at each other, horrified.

Some scenes flashed through my mind: Amy eating me alive, a man in a hockey mask chopping us up, a child's doll murdering us while smiling insanely.

I also imagined what would happen if I died down here. I would never get an A-plus in science. I would never be able to go to Niagara Falls. Heck, I would never be able to kiss John Breyer! I didn't want to die young like this!

"Amy, we have to get out of here!" I whimpered.

"Relax, okay? Don't get your corn rows all knotted up! We'll get out of here," she said.

I panicked. Amy murmured to herself. Then I heard the thumps. Thump! Thump! Thumpety-thoomp-thoomp-thoomp! Big, scary thuds. Moans drifted across the dark, empty cellar. I clung to Amy tightly as some critters scampered inside the walls. Both our heartbeats were fast, loud, and uneven.

Then we heard footsteps. We were terrified. A door at the top of a set of stairs flew open as light flooded the basement.

We waited for death.

We got an old woman! She smiled and introduced herself as Siobhan Periwinkle. She told us that the noises were her furnace, her TV, and her puppies scampering upstairs. Ha! What a night!

We left for Tasha's party, and by adding the dust and fake blood from Siobhan's basement, won the Best Costumes award!

It was the best Halloween ever, no contest!

Too Much Candy

Entry #19

The sound of four bikes and their tires screeching amongst the pavement seemed to echo throughout the small town of Rochester. John, Will, Danny and Mikey had been planning this for quite some time now. John slipped his dusty baseball cap on, and the boys headed off towards the unknown woods. Rumors flew that an old man who turned into a vampire, warlock and werewolf, wearing jean overalls, black leather boots, with a gray beard that drooped down to the floor, lived in a small rickety home there. Danny, being the brains in the group, continuously said, "I'm telling you, there is nothing out there. Just a bunch of trees, squirrels, and if you're lucky, maybe even a fox or two. This is just a waste of time." Danny was the type that had to see things to believe them. But John on the other hand had a very wide imagination. While Will and Mikey just tagged along for the adventure. The sun was setting, so the boys picked up their pace as they entered the woods not knowing what to expect.

Will then said: "Hey how are we supposed to even know where exactly this guy is?"

Nobody replied because at that moment, a small light came on from far away. It seemed to look like a headlight of a truck or car. It shut off just as quickly as it turned on. The boys glanced at each other, each thinking, "What could that have been?" They all started running in what they believed to be the direction in which the light came from, but they had no certainty of where they were going. Mikey was fast, faster than any boy in the entire school. Faster than lightning, people would say, so soon enough Mikey was no longer with the others. He was alone, with no flashlight to see. He began to scream for his friends, but they must not have heard him since there was no response. He felt his way safely to a tree and sat down beside it. He pulled his legs up close by his chest and bent his head down, when a firm, dry hand began to grip his shoulder.

John, Will and Danny had finally stopped running. They all were trying to get their breath back, and when they finally did, John said, while scratching his head: "How could that light have been so far away?"

Danny replied, "Maybe it wasn't even a light. Maybe it was a firefly."

Will chuckled and spat "You think you know everything, don't you?"

Danny got angry and took a step closer to Will, egging him on. But before the two boys could say another remark, John gasped and his eyes widened, realizing that Mikey was no longer with the group. He then said, "GUYS! Where's Mikey?!" They then all began to call for him, and look around frantically but there was no response. The wind began to pick up and the trees furiously swayed back and forth. Danny then whispered, "We need to go get some help. Let's get out of here!" They all darted off towards the way they came in and soon enough they were near their bikes. They each got on their bikes as quickly as they could and drove faster than ever to the local police station. When they got there, a short and chubby man was there. He said "Hello, I am Officer Jacobs. What do you boys need?"

John quickly replied, "Our friend is lost in the woods! We were looking for the man in the cottage out there and somehow he got away from our group and we have no idea where he could be! It's dark out there and he's all by himself! That old man who turns into a vampire, warlock and werewolf must have snatched him up! You gotta help us, you just gotta!"

The officer chuckled loudly, then said, "You boys are quite the catch. There is no man who lives out there. I know about everybody in this town and believe me, there is no such thing as a blood-sucking, dog-turning, magician-like old man out in those woods!" He laughed a few more times, then became serious. "But your friend being lost, now that's a situation. I'll have me and the boys go out there with some flashlights looking for him so y'all just sit tight here in this office and wait for us to come back."

They all nodded and sat down. The room smelled of dust, and the chair would creak if you moved even slightly. They all took a glance at each other, beginning to wonder if they would ever see their friend again. Hours

went by and in that office, the only sound that was made was the wind from outside blowing trees and different color leaves around. Finally, after such a long time of waiting, Officer Jacobs came back. He screamed, "There really is such a man!" and ran off like a lunatic. The front door then swung open and in came a man. He looked just as the rumors had been told. The boys all screamed, as the man came closer and closer to them. They tried to back away, but soon enough, the boys were pressed against the wall with no way to get out. When all of a sudden, Mikey came up from behind him laughing. John, Will and the man were laughing too. Danny was confused, but still shaking from what he was just witnessing. Officer Jacobs then came back into the room holding his gut laughing as well. Was this a joke? Danny began to think. When he heard his mom say, "Danny wake up! Danny... Danny... Danny..." He sat up in his bed, confused more than ever. He stuttered, "Huh? Where am I?" His mom smiled and said, "You must have been having a nightmare because you were talking in your sleep." Danny, still confused, scratched his forehead, trying to put his mind back together. His mom then said, "Maybe next time you should listen to me when I say don't eat all of your candy that you got from trick-or-treating."

Ghost Mystery

Entry #20

"Grandmother--"

"How many times have I told you no?!"

Phoebe paused to reflect over this. Then answered, "Enough?"

"Phoebe," Grandmother began, "dear, I care about you. If you go out, you will lose all the dignity and happiness stored in your little heart of yours. There are people out there, rotten people, who will hurt you. Not just with punching and kicking and pushing! They will hurt YOU, and you don't want me to die from a heart attack, do you?"

The bewildered girl, of course, knew the answer. "No," she sighed.

Grandmother stood out of her thoroughly worn leather recliner and headed for the door.

"Wait!" Phoebe told her, recognizing an opportunity. "Um, Grandmother? If I, I don't know, somehow, prove to you that I am a tough, responsible, uh, young woman, may I...?"

Grandmother looked over her shoulder, resting her hand on the big brass door handle. She sighed helplessly. Realizing she had no choice, Katherine Mc'Inte let out the sweetest word young Phoebe Mc'Inte had ever heard:

"Sure."

And suddenly then, the ecstatic 13-year-old was left alone to her own thoughts.

"So, we just need to think of a way to show Grandmother that you're a responsible...."

"Tough," Phoebe added.

"... tough, mature young woman. We can do that!" Amanda told her.

"But, what will do the trick? Grandmother's the most unimpressed person ever. She is so stable that even

if the world exploded and she was swallowed into a black whole, she wouldn't even blink," Phoebe stated sadly.

Amanda reached in and grabbed an old quill pen and antique sketch pad with the words 'Smooth an' Easy Glide Sketch Paper' embossed in gold ink on the cover. "Let's list some ideas."

Phoebe had met Amanda Jones 11 years before, when the two-year-olds went to ballet classes together. Of course, that was before Phoebe's father moved out, leaving her, her mother, and Johnny her 6-year-old brother to fend for themselves in their 3-story apartment (and he also posted on his page, Now Single). 1 1/2 years later, Mrs. Mc'Inte left the two, and Folie de Monsieur, the family schnauzer, at their grandmother's house and drove away from the high demands of being a mother who has to cater to every need of two young children. They have never seen their mother again, but their father has visited every once in awhile.

Through this whole transition, Amanda has been there. She asked her parents to let her move to her uncle's house, who is Grandmother's next-door neighbor. That allowed the two a daily chat. They don't see each other at school or in the street, because Grandmother locks up Phoebe in the large rustic house with home-schooling and the fear of her heart getting broken by other children. So, every day, the best friends talk through the little window next to Phoebe's desk. Sometimes, she'd clear out the family room of its leather seats, hidden by dozens of Mexican knit blankets and, with Grandma's permission, Phoebe'd invite Amanda inside to help her get her daily indoor exercise. They would have the time of their life, trying handstands, (more like back-flops), cartwheels (although they seem to have flat tires), and meditating (for 13-year-olds).

The point is, Phoebe has always wanted to go to Hailey Snow's annual Halloween Party, at no other than the popular girl's home itself. Hailey was Amanda's third best friend, after Jolanni Reedy and Jolanni after Phoebe. Every year since Phoebe was 7 years old, Grandmother has declined the prestigious invitation, but she is determined to meet Amanda's friends at what is said to be the best party in all of North Carolina. Even trickier, getting Grandmother to FINALLY say yes to allowing her to go trick-or-treating. That is the real topic that they argue about.

"I've got it!" Amanda victoriously announced.

"What is your plan?" asked an excited Phoebe.

"Okay," Amanda began, "We sneak out, walk the Huttle's dog Snarpy, ask them to sign a declaration of your greatness, show it to Grandmother, and not only go to the party, but even get to go trick-or-treating together! Genius, right?"

Phoebe's mouth gaped in awe. A bad kind of awe. "Um, Amanda.... first of all, Grandmother has never trusted Maria Huttle's opinions of people. And second, she'd kill me if I snuck out to walk someone's dog, much less let me go to an awesome party for the first time!"

Amanda felt embarrassed. "Well, do YOU have any better ideas?"

Phoebe opened her mouth to answer 'no' but she was stopped by a shrill cry from Hailey's house. The two girls looked over quickly before Amanda rushed over,

shouting and propelling herself as far as she could. She slid to a stop as Hailey's mom bolted into the road from her dark house.

"What happened, Mrs. Snow?" Amanda asked, heaving out every breath.

"I-I... I was... I was c-cleaning out the diishwasher and... lightts flashed out... ppair of eyes in the closett.... the pumpkin I ccarved was gone...." she stammered.

Phoebe looked to where Folie De Monsieur was lying, but he had vanished. She stepped around the house, calling for him, "Folie! Folie! Where are you?"

Meanwhile, Amanda investigated the scene. The lights were out, dishes cracked and strayed over the floor, the pumpkin nowhere in sight. The only difference was, the closet was as tidy and eyes-free as usual. She told Mrs. Snow not to worry, and headed back to her window spot.

"Phoebe?" she called.

Phoebe dashed in the room. "Folie de Monsieur is gone!"

"What?!"

"We HAVE to go to that party!" Amanda told her.

Phoebe had that awe face again. "Grandmother would KILL me! It would become a funeral in the first five minutes!"

"We HAVE TO!!!! The Snows have told me about 4 more creepy sightings in their kitchen alone! If we go, you'll be able to catch the ghost, be a hero, and have the time of your life," Amanda pleaded.

"More like the time of my DEATH!!!!" Phoebe pointed out. "If they want to catch a ghost, why can't they do it without having to hire someone? What about the real Ghost Busters?"

Amanda sighed. "Phoebe, it's not just them. This phenomenon is in the newspaper! If we figure out how to catch it, we'll be heros!"

She was now visibly mortified. "The paper?!!!! Why don't you just boil me in a pot for lion food?!!!"

"Folie de Monsieur?" Amanda reminded her best friend.

Something happened in Phoebe Mc'Inte's heart that day.

"Okay. I'll do it."

"I can't believe I just snuck out! This is the first time I've been out of the house since I came here."

Amanda twirled around in her princess gown, the shimmering fabric spanning out from the golden hoop-skirt. She held onto her crystal crown and sang out, "Yooooou look beauuutiful!!!!"

Phoebe had borrowed Amanda's fairy costume from last year. Now, it was her turn to twirl, her pastel pink skirt puffing up like a bubblegum bubble. She held out her strap-on wings and sang out in reply, "Thaaaank Yooooou! Yooooouu Toooo!!!!"

They headed into Hailey's backyard where they were greeted by a chorus of chatting voices and orange, green and purple lights strung up like hammocks. Any creature you could imagine was there: witches, zombies, giant pumpkins, dinosaurs, astronauts, pirates, cats, dogs, pbj, and more. UV lanterns hung from the branches of

trees, making ghosts, cooks and Amanda glow like they carved out their costumes from the skin of actual stars. All the hottest bands blasted out spooky hits from the speakers hidden in between branches.

Amanda and Phoebe took in the scene, then joined the others, grooving to the beat of 'Calling All The Monsters'. Just as Chyna Ann belts out, "Why I hear you screamin'?", Taylor Malone's eyes caught Phoebe's unfamiliar face.

"What's that?" she sneered, her worn-out pompoms placed on her hips.

Amanda heard the snide comment and turned to Taylor. Now, everybody was watching. "What?" she asked, attempting to show her disapproval of such a rude comment.

"I said," Taylor began, "what's THAT?"

"She is Phoebe Mc'Inte. She lives on this street with her grandmother and brother."

Taylor examined her. Then, turning to her cluster of cheerleader monsters, she muttered, just loud and clear enough for the befuddled friends to hear, "must be some kind of anti-social thing. I don't think it speaks our language."

Now, it was a full-fledged brawl.

Amanda stepped into the head zombie's space. "Okay," she snarled, "If you want to be the biggest jerk here, then I'd say--"

And right that second, the lights suddenly flashed like lightning and went out.

They wouldn't have seen it if it weren't a full moon.

A ghost.

At least, a wisp of moonlight.

In the house.

The glowing eyes.

The crowd stared in fright and horror

The eyes came closer.

Phoebe stepped forward. "Phoebe--" Amanda whispered, but she continued to hobble towards the eerie image. She knew what she was doing.

The eyes seemed to be framed by a carved pumpkin. Phoebe came closer, then ripped the pumpkin off.

"Folie!" Phoebe announced.

And there he was, smiling up at her. His lips were slobbered in pumpkin goo, and the outlet plugs for the lights ripped off the cords and lying on the floor in front of him. The rugged tufts of fur around his muzzle were dripping with raw cake mix, and his thick, furry paws were stretched out in a feeble attempt to remove the pumpkin seeds from his messy tangle.

"Where have you been?" Phoebe asked, concerned for her puppy. His eyes turned up to her, showing guilt and apology.

Taylor stared over at the duo. "Wait-- your dog is a ghost?"

After apologizing to Mrs. Snow and cleaning up the mess, Amanda, Phoebe and Folie de Monsieur slumped the way back to Grandmother's house. They snuck in silently, only to be found by a frowning Grandmother. Her right hand on her hip, her left clutching a mug of coffee. Her stare was tougher than

stone.

"Where have you been?"

Phoebe stared at her toes, almost hidden completely by her glittery sandals. "We were at the party, she muttered."

"Grandmother, she saved the town! She found the--"

"Amanda," Grandmother began, "I know. I let out Folie."

"Wait, YOU let him out?"

She nodded. "We don't call him Mr. Madness for nothing!"

Phoebe took a deep breath. "So, can I..?"

I don't know how words can change a life. They can make a life less lonely, like 'I do' or 'I love you'. They can add confidence, such as, 'I believe in you'. Although, never have I known one word to change a life. How such an insignificant little morsel, not even a sentence, can sound so deep and magical.

But then, one word, just a mere syllable, shaped Phoebe Mc'Inte's life forever.

"Yes."

Demon

Entry #21

"Richie, are you excited about moving into our new house?"

"Yes, Mom," I said.

"Let's go get in the car. Your father is waiting for us," she said.

"Okay mom."

We climbed into the car, dad turned on the radio and we drove to our new home. As we were driving, we talked and talked about what the house looked like. We finally got to our new road and it was eerie and gloomy. We drove down the dirt road, then pulled up to a large building that was grey and black with a large gate in the front. It wasn't the prettiest place because there weren't a lot of plants that were alive. Dad got out of the car, opened the gate, climbed back in and we drove down the driveway. Before we got unpacked, we got out of the car and went inside to explore. The door was the size of our car and it had two silver knockers. We opened the door to see a walkway to the dining room and the large staircase. I ran upstairs to check it out while Mom and Dad were downstairs looking around. While I was upstairs, I saw a large door. I went to open it, but when I grabbed for the knob, the door flung wide open. I said, "it's probably just the wind." I looked inside and there was a large bed with white sheets. On the side of the room was a large closet. I ran back downstairs and found Mom and Dad in another even larger bedroom. "This is the master bedroom, so this will be our bedroom, okay Ritchie?" Mom said. I said "Okay, I think I found mine upstairs."

Later on that night, we sat down for fried chicken for dinner. While we were eating, we could hear the quietest footsteps upstairs in my bedroom, but when we went up there to check, there was nothing there! We went back downstairs and ate dinner. After dinner and shower for me, we all went to bed.

Later in the evening, I woke up to hear heavy footsteps coming upstairs. I called "Dad?", but there was

no answer. I hid my head under the covers. I was sweaty and nervous. Then I heard the footsteps stop. I was relieved for a second until my covers flew off my bed. I was pinned to my bed when a dark and deep voice said, "GET OUT OF MY HOUSE!" I got up and ran downstairs to my mom and dad's room. "Mom, Dad, wake up..." "What is it Ritchie?" Mom asked. I answered, "Someone held me down in my bed and said to leave the house." "It was probably just a dream," Mom said. "No Mom, I swear!" "Just come in the middle of me and Dad, okay?" said Mom. "Okay," I said.

The next morning my mom came upstairs with me to check my bedroom out, but there was nothing wrong. We proceeded to make my bed and then went downstairs to make breakfast. Later on in the day, the oven, the microwave and lights turned on by themselves. Again at suppertime, we heard footsteps, but this time was in Mom's and Dad's room. That night when we all went to bed, I had no trouble sleeping, but Mom and Dad heard a loud "BOOM, BOOM" coming into their room. The noises quickly stopped and my parents were relieved but then all of the sudden their covers were ripped off and the voice said, "GET OUT OF MY HOUSE!"

When Mom and Dad got up the next day, they decided to consult with a paranormalist. The man agreed to come to the house and would be there at 4:00 pm that day. At just around 4:00 pm, there was a knock at the door. We were all there to greet the paranormal specialist. He very quickly sensed that there was a very bad presence in the home and said, "There is a demon in this house." Then all of a sudden his voice changed and he assured us that there was nothing to be afraid of. After the strange episode, he walked away and the door slammed shut. A strange voice said "I WILL GET YOU ALL". We were all very frightened and I could feel something grabbing my leg and I fell to the ground. I started to get pulled away. I was screaming and fighting to hold onto something. Luckily, I was able to break free and I ran to my mom and dad. They said, "LET'S GO!" We left the house and never went back.

Epilogue: "Hey Mom, can we go into the house yet?" the little boy asked.

"Just a minute, we need to get our bags out," the woman said.

"Okay," the boy replied.

The end.

A Spooky Story

Entry #22

"Want to hear a scary story?" I said.

"Well, we are sitting by a campfire. Go for it!"

Matt said.

"One summer night, four kids set up a camp site at a beach near by. It was the first time that any of them got to sleep out. But while they were setting up, a large wind rolled in. There was one thing wrong though, all of a sudden it just stopped, like when you turn on and off a light. Also, the branches and leaves wouldn't move when the wind hit them, they were still, like statues. They knew something was wrong!"

"Well how is the story, you all scared yet?" I asked. "No!" Megan said. "Oh yeah? I bet you can't tell

the scariest story," Megan muttered.

"I bet I can! Let's make a deal!" I answered.

"Fine. Now get on with the story," Megan replied.

"Alright..." The four kids rushed into the tent all terrified when all of a sudden one of them said: "Did you hear that?"

"No but for safety, let's stay in the tent!"

One complained, "I did, it sounded like it was coming from the woods across from us."

"They were fine for a couple hours but then..."

"OooooOoooo!"

"What was that?" said one of them.

"I don't know, but let's hide them in the tent."

"They could do this for a couple of hours, but then at midnight, one of them woke up."

"Guys! Wake up! I think there's a ghost outside!"

She went to wake up her friend until she noticed that she was gone.

"Lucie wake up! Mary is gone!"

So the girl went to look for Mary by herself. One by one, the ghost would lure the kids outside so he could capture them.

"Well Megan, you scared yet? Because I know Matt is. He was shaking like when cymbals smash together."

"I'm only scared a little but get on with the story," Megan replied.

When Lucie woke up in the middle of the night, she noticed that two of her friends were gone. She tried calling their names, but she got no answer. *Well I'd better for look for them*, she thought.

"Swoosh, swoosh," came from the bushes.

"Mary, is that you?" Lucie said.

It was silent and then all of a sudden...

Snatch! And Lucie was gone. A few hours past and not it was the last child's turn! Finally, Cattie woke up at around 3:00 am. She went to see if Lucie was awake, but then she noticed she wasn't there and that her other friends were gone, too!

Slip slip went one her slippers. Cattie shined the flashlight and screamed their names. "Mary? Lucie? Justine?"

She cried "Ahh! Help me!"

Mary screamed and Cattie rushed over into the woods as fast as she could. The trees were moving as she ran by them. Then, out of nowhere...

Snatch! And Cattie, the last child was gone! Those four children were never seen again.

I finished my story.

"That was a really scary story, Maxine. Nice job!" Megan replied.

"Well, you know, it doesn't matter who can tell the scariest story," I replied. "Yeah, well, I think Matt is scared," Megan said. "Oh yeah, I forgot to tell you guys one thing, that story happened to four kids last year!"

Evie

Entry #23

Evie opened her eyes. All that was there was blackness. She reached out and there was nothingness. She felt her heart pounding as if it were trying to escape from her chest. She asked herself, "Where am I?". Then, a

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light! A glare! Something! Evie ran to the lighted corner, there was an oval mirror and she saw nothing but herself. Then she heard a howl in the distance.

Evie sat up in bed, cold and shivering. Her palms were clammy. She slowly took deep breaths, inhaling and exhaling, the air stinging her lungs, saving her from... from what? She climbed out of her bed, abandoning the warmth of her checkered quilt. The strong morning sun poured into her bed from the window. Everything was there: her black and white bed, her teddy bear with only one eye, the desk covered in papers and the purple rug. She sighed! That was the third night in a row she had that same nightmare. Eighth time in all.

She went downstairs to the kitchen and poured herself Cheerios. Her brother Jimmy, who was in the fourth grade, asked Evie if she wanted to hear a riddle? Her brother was in his Batman pajamas, the ones with the cape attached. "Okay," her brother began, "You are in a cement room and you only see black, there are no windows or doors, all you see is a mirror. How do you get out?" "Magic?" answered Evie. Jimmy said, "No, you would look into the mirror, see what you saw, you take the saw. Break the mirror in half with the saw. Two halves make a whole. Evie? Are you okay?" Evie didn't answer she was falling down as she was sinking back into her nightmare. "Evie" a mysterious dark voice boomed. "You must answer in 10 minutes or we release the jack-hound." Evie ran towards the mirror, the same as she had in her last dream. Jack riddle still fresh in her head. She almost smiled as she was looking into the mirror, gazing deeper than she had before. There, in the corner, was a saw! She sawed the mirror in half like her brother had instructed. Evie held up the two halves of the mirror, pushing them together when suddenly they were ripped out of her hands and thrown against the wall. The two halves of the mirror made a "hole" in the wall. "Time is up," a voice crackled. Evie spotted a large dog running with a head that resembled a jack-o-lantern. Evie hopped into the hole just in time to hear her brother say, "Okay, so like I was saying, two halves make a whole. You climb through the hole and you are free forever." "Thank you Jimmy!" she said, hugging her brother, "you freed me!"

Learned How to Live

Entry #24

My name is Amelia Grace, I am 13 years old, and I am an orphan. My parents died only a month ago. People would ask me why and my answer would always be the same: I don't know. The police never found their bodies so I may never know. I have since moved to my aunt Anne's house in Salem, MA and am now attending the middle school there. The kids at school never pay any attention to me, so I just sit and read my novels all day, hoping that I could be as strong as the brave characters in the books.

One day at school two girls were making fun of me because I read so much. Then they started to say awful things about my parents. It was upsetting, even though I knew that my parents were innocent writers trying to find something to write about. I went home feeling worse then I had in weeks. My aunt must have known that I was upset because she cooked my favorite meal and didn't



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ask me about school. I knew that she tried to understand me but it was hard for me to open up to her. After dinner I went up to my room to do my homework. I was in the middle of math when I started to nod off. Suddenly, I was shaken awake by a girl. She was probably 16. She looked pale, almost transparent. She had heavily lidded eyes and a bone-chilling air to her. The girl was wearing an old, tattered blouse with a strapless dress. She looked like she was from the 1600s.

"Hello Amelia Grace," she said in a cool voice. "I have been waiting to talk to you."

"H-how do you know my name?" I asked, terrified.

"Ass, I have been watching you since you moved into MY house," she said, emphasizing the last part as if

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she were a bear protecting her cub. "Now I shall make sure you NEVER come back!"

And before I could move away, she touched my forehead with her cold finger. As soon as she touched me, visions swam in front of me; I saw horrible visions of my parents, too horrific to describe. I tried to close my eyes to stop them, but they just seared an imprint on my brain. I started to scream but I knew it wouldn't help. Then I heard a voice, soft at first but it got louder. It was calling my name. "Mia! Mia!" At first, I thought it was my parents in the vision, but it was different. I opened my eyes to see what it was. What I saw was far from horror. It was my aunt's worried face.

"Sweetheart, are you okay?" she asked. "You were screaming."

I then thought that being with my aunt might not be so bad. I knew that the ghost was not happy with what she had. She tried to make me feel upset that my parents were gone forever but really they would always be with me. My aunt could never replace my parents but I could treat her as if she were my own mom. I hugged her and she was a little surprised but she hugged me back.

After that, my aunt and I became best friends. I made friends at school and learned not to pay any attention to all the rude remarks from other people. You could say I lived happily ever after, but really I just learned how to live.

Wait Until Tomorrow

Entry #25

"Click Clack, Click Clack," goes the soles of our cleats while we are walking across town to LAX practice. "Hey Liam, I dare you to knock on the door of the Old Chargo's house," says Carlos. The house was covered in different shades of gray and black; a real gloomy house, sad and forgotten. "No way would I go in that house. Even if it was the last house on the face of the earth, and we were being attacked by aliens. Plus we have to get to practice."

"Sixty more push-ups, don't look at the sky because it might thunder, don't think about Halloween because its tomorrow, just focus or we won't win the game," says Coach. One push-up, two push-ups, three push-ups, chants the team. All of a sudden it starts to thunder. The rain is pouring down in thick sheets, the lightening is piercing through the sky and the thunder is

rolling up above like a freight train. It was all happening so fast that the field was flooding. We all sprinted to the locker room. All of a sudden, the power went out. We were in the dark. Carlos tried to open the door but we were locked in.

"What are we supposed to do," said one of my teammates. The coach, taking leadership, decided they would look for another way out. It wasn't an effective idea but everyone participated anyway. Rubbing our hands along the lockers, over the walls and on the floor, we searched. But Nothing! Finally after about five minutes, there it was; a passageway in the corner of the floor. Everybody worked together to open it and we discovered a tunnel under the fields.

"Where does it go" was the repetitive question of the team. The dimly lit tunnel look spooky as the water dripped from above. We crept through the tunnel as the dripping water was endlessly coming down. Seeping through the dirt walls and ceiling, dripping on everyone, freezing ice cold water! "WHY", everyone was wearingly saying. Panicking screams filled the air. From nowhere, my friend Benjamin spotted a light from the ceiling not too far away.

"Wow, look up there." Sunlight was shining brightly through a hole in the ceiling. "Quick, get that ladder over there." I rushed over, picked the ladder up and ran back to the crowd. I put it down and then climbed up.

There I was up in the middle of the LAX field. We stood there complaining about the maze of tunnels, being all soggy and wet now ending up in the middle of the LAX field. As the group started to part, Liam noticed that hole was not there any more. Questions rang through our heads. "Where did it go?" "How did that happen?" "Can I walk on it?" "Is it sturdy?". Out of the blue, Coach yelled from halfway across the field, "Get off the field, they need to mow the lawn." So everybody just headed home with that spooky situation on their mind.

On the walk home, as I was just about to pass the Old Chargo's house, I noticed that it was missing. As spooky as that was, it's just another mystery that will have to wait until tomorrow.

Spooky Story

Entry #26 Jahn Pothier

"Ding dong." I rang the doorbell. This was our



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EDITOR'S PICK OF THE WEEK

Bodysnatching in Mattapoissett

By Kyle DeCicco-Carey

In 1840, William Sparrow, a young resident of Rochester, went to work with his brother in law at his drug store in the village of Mattapoissett. William was 16 years old and soon he would be heading to Pittsfield where he would study medicine at the Berkshire Medical College.



Kyle DeCicco-Carey

A few years later, William entered into the Yale Medical College. As a student, William continued his studies with his brother in-law, Newton Southworth, who lived in Mattapoissett village on North Street. Newton's father, who was also named Newton, had long been a doctor in Mattapoissett.

The study of medicine was often learned in the form of apprenticeships and many doctors had no formal education. They learned on the job. However, by the mid-nineteenth century the formal study of medicine was growing. One of the more desirable studies young students sought to obtain was the study of anatomy.

Many times the only chance a doctor had to learn anatomy other than reading about it was during an operation or in the case of an autopsy. In February 1841, Thomas Randall of Rochester was eating dinner when he collapsed and died. Many felt that his death was suspicious and rumors spread that he had been murdered. A week after he was buried, the local coroner summoned a jury to have the corpse exhumed and an autopsy performed. Dr. A. S. Jones went to work on the corpse and found boiled pork packed in his throat. Mr. Randall had apparently choked to death.

The idea of donating one's body to medical science was not common and religious and social beliefs of the time considered the dead body something to be protected. There were also many superstitions, such as the belief that the living needed to be protected from the dead.

These beliefs resulted in a shortage of cadavers, which led aspiring doctors to resort to robbing graves or paying others to do it. In 1825, a professor from the Berkshire Medical College suggested that his school and the medical school at Harvard petition the Massachusetts legislature to pass a bill allowing medical schools to take bodies of prisoners and inmates of almshouses when they die to use them to dissect. In some states, laws allowed medical schools in large cities to take the bodies of deceased inmates of almshouses or executed criminals for medical study.

Grave robbers often targeted the graves of those that didn't have family or friends who would not notice or care that their loved ones had been taken. In 1831, Massachusetts passed an "anatomy act", limited to Boston, which allowed the use of the "unclaimed" dead from hospitals, workhouses and almshouses for medical dissection.

In 1845, the almshouse for the Tri-Town was located in Rochester near Acushnet. In April, one of the inmates of the almshouse, Luke Hall, passed away. Many almshouses at that time had their own burial grounds where the deceased were laid to rest, often in unmarked graves. It is possible that Mr. Hall was buried on the property of the Rochester almshouse or in one of the cemeteries nearby. However, his corpse would not stay buried for long.

Dr. Jones and Dr. Southworth were assisting William in his studies at that time. In order to give William to best education in anatomy, they would need a fresh corpse. Shortly after the burial of Mr. Hall, the three of them headed out to his burial site with shovels in hand.

After digging up the grave, they most likely loaded the corpse in a wagon. Unknown to the residences in Mattapoissett, they may have carted the body of Mr. Luke through the streets of the village to Dr. Southworth's office on Water Street. Somehow word of the corpse stealing spread. Shortly thereafter, the three were arrested and charged with unlawfully disinterring of a body. They were ordered to stand trial at the next Plymouth County Court of Common Pleas.

As it turns out, their case may have never gone to trial. Dr. Jones claimed that he had permission from the selectmen of Rochester to take the body of Luke Hall.

Newton Southworth continued to practice medicine after the incident. Sometime in the 1850s, he headed west with his family to Minnesota. His home still stands at 5 North Street and his office is located at 12 Water Street. His son Eli served with the Fourth Minnesota Infantry during the Civil War. When he came home he became a druggist. The Minnesota Historical Society holds a rich collection of the Southworth family papers.

Very little is known about Dr. Jones. His first name is unknown and no physicians by the name of Jones appear in the US census living in the Tri-Town area during the mid nineteenth century.

William Sparrow graduated with a medical degree from Yale in 1847. Apparently his reputation was not tarnished by the body snatching incident. In 1856, he was appointed Deputy Postmaster of Mattapoissett and then later became the Postmaster until 1893. He also served as a member of the local board of health and the school committee. He owned a drug store in Mattapoissett that was taken over after his death by his employee, Ellis Mendell. During the Civil War, he served as acting assistant surgeon. He continued to practice medicine in Mattapoissett for the rest of his life where he was known for his skills and experience. There is no doubt that acting as a surgeon during the war added to his skills as a surgeon. However, he may have added to his experience before the war by digging up more local graves and carting corpses home to study.

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last stop on Halloween and my friends, Bryce, Davis, Parker, and I were getting ready to go back to my house. When the person came out we got our candy and started walking down the street. We realized we were far away from our house so Davis said "Let's take the shortcut through the woods." We agreed and started to walk through the woods. When we came out of the woods we saw an old mansion sitting on a hill with its lights on. We decided to go up and see if anybody was home.

As Bryce, Davis, Parker and I got closer, we saw that the house looked like it was falling apart. Some of the shutters on the mansion were hanging from only one hinge and the paint was peeling off the shingles. When we got to the doorstep, we made a big mistake: we rang the doorbell. That instant, the door burst open and a bright, red, hall carpet bolted from the door and brought us inside. The door slammed shut and locked. The inside was a disaster. Tables were flipped, chair legs were broken, and at the end of the room was a huge, black mirror. As we looked in the mirror, we felt strangely drawn to it. In the mirror, we saw five people with frightened looks on their faces, indicating for us to turn around. We turned around and saw a man dressed in white walking towards us. I stared hard at the man and noticed that he was slightly translucent. My friends noticed the same thing, so I yelled "Scatter!" The instant I yelled, the lights went out. I took out my flashlight. My friends had the same idea. Then we saw the ghost running towards us! When I shined my flashlight at him, he started to walk and seemed to be in a daze. Suddenly, I looked up at the ceiling and saw a key hanging from a chandelier that was held up by a rusty chain. I picked up a chair leg from the ground and threw it at the rusty chain. It hit the chain and the chandelier fell down. I took the key and ran to the door and put it in the door's keyhole. The moment I turned the key, the mirror exploded! The ghost let out a high pitch scream, fell to his knees with his clothes steaming and dissolved into a black mist. Bryce, Davis, Parker and I sprinted out of the mansion and ran all the way back to our own houses.

The next day I decided to ask the people in town if they knew anything about the old, abandoned mansion. I asked seven people and they said there was no abandoned mansion. Then I asked an old woman if she knew of the mansion and she said "Yes." I asked if she knew who owned it and she said that the owner's name

was James Polacceo. James Polacceo was a millionaire in the 1930's who mysteriously disappeared after purchasing a large black mirror. No one knows why. The old lady also said that five people tried to inherit the house after James disappeared. They were never heard from again. She told me certain people say the ghost of James Polacceo still haunts the halls of the mansion. I said thanks and went to call my friends to tell them the strange, spooky story. Now every time I look at the woods, I swear I see the ghost of James Polacceo and hear that high pitched scream.

A Snowy End

Entry #27

iPhone e-journal entry of Jason Ritchie, November 30, 2010, 9:43 p.m.

Stuck in snow. Trying to get home to Rochester from the lake house. Hoping to see a plow come by. Arguing with Brenda. Six hour ride and we're not there yet. Leftover Halloween candy is all we have in the car. We are hungry, but warm.

It started snowing hard before breakfast. We didn't leave Laconia until after twelve. It got even worse as we made our way through Boston and then down Route 24. There must be a foot and a half outside the car now, and you couldn't see the car in front of you if there was one. But there hasn't been. We should have left last night, I know. It's not unprecedented to have a blizzard like this so early in the season, I know. But they always change to rain south of Taunton in November.

Always except today, that is. 495 was shut down, so we tried 140. That became almost impassable right

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Obituaries:

Stephen Guzik, 93, of Fairhaven and formerly of Miami Beach, Florida passed away Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at the Sippican Healthcare Center in Marion after a brief illness. He was the husband of the late Muriel H. (Andrews) Guzik.

Born in New Bedford, he was the son of the late Peter and Anna (Sowa) Guzik. Stephen was a 1937 Graduate of New Bedford Vocational Technical High School and later served in the Army Air Corp during WWII.

He lived in Miami Beach, FL for many years where he worked as a building inspector for the City of Miami for many years, until his retirement in 1975. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner while in Florida. Steve also enjoyed fishing. He is survived by several nieces and nephews. Mr. Guzik was the brother of the late Wanda Newett and Cecelia Bowden.

Calling hours are Friday, October 21, 2011 from 4-7 PM in the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main Street, Fairhaven. Cremation will follow and interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Anne M. Barrett, 81, of Marion, MA, died at home on October 19, after a long illness. Anne was born in Canton, MA to the late Lawrence and Anna Walsh. She attended Canton public schools, and spent her childhood summers in Swifts Beach, Wareham. After high school, Anne graduated from Chandler School for Women in Boston.

In September 1952, Anne married and settled in Weweantic Shores in Wareham. In the late spring of 1965, Anne and family moved to Marion where she continued to live until the spring of 2001 when she retired to Homosassa, FL. She returned to Marion in the Spring of 2008.

In the early 1950's Anne worked at Tobey Hospital as a transcriptionist. She would return to Tobey in the 1970's, then left for St. Luke's Hospital where she worked in the medical records department for nearly 10 years. In the mid 1980's Anne lived in San Francisco for two years and worked at the UCSF Medical Center as secretary to one of the chief Anesthesiologists. Before retiring, Anne worked for a number of years as an administrative assistant in the Tabor Academy Summer Program.

Anne cherished family time above all. She and her children spent long summer days at the Beach, or went boating around local shores Anne loved working in the yard, was a natural athlete, and loved to swim and ice skate. She was a wonderful cook and hostess, remembered for her Thanksgiving gatherings. She enjoyed being a mother and grandmother most of all.

Anne is survived by her five children, Laurene A. Sherman of Rochester, MA, Jon M. Barrett of Newport, RI, Mae Barrett of Marion, MA and San Francisco, CA, William K. Barrett of Jacksonville Beach FL, and Patrick J. Barrett of Edgewater, MD, her three brothers Lawrence Walsh and William Walsh, both of Canton, MA, and John Walsh of Pawcatuck, CT; nine grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours are Friday, October 28th from 4-7 PM at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett, MA. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Rita's Church, 113 Front St. Marion, Saturday, October

29th at 9 AM. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery. For directions and guest book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Lester Hoyt Watson, born 30 April, 1918 in Brookline, MA, son of the late Lester Watson and the late Katharyn Hoyt Watson.

Attended Chestnut Hill and Fessenden Schools. Graduated from Noble and Greenough School in 1935 and Harvard College in 1940, where he was a member of the Owl Club, DKE and Naval R.O.T.C. On active duty with the U.S. Navy 1941-1945, including command of USS Submarine Chaser-517, USS SURPRISE (PG-63) and USS BAZELY (DE-2) Under his command, USS SURPRISE escorted USAT EFFIE MORRISEY on supply missions to weather stations in Greenland. He was honorably discharged from the Navy as Lt. Commander. He was employed by Pan American Airways 1945-1948, by Smith, Kline & French Laboratories 1948-61, and by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution 1961 until retirement in 1985. He was a volunteer with Coastline Elderly Services 1998-2005 as a Director and member of the Advisory Board. Held various volunteer positions in the Town of Marion over many years.

Member of the Brookline Country Club 1946-95, of the Beverly Yacht Club since 1950, of which he was Commodore 1973-75. Trustee of the Beverly Land Trust 1955-2005. Life Trustee of the Sippican Lands Trust. Member of the Cruising Club of America since 1975, of which he was post-Captain of the Buzzard's Bay Post 1996-1998. Life Member of the Flower Class Corvette Association and the U.S. Naval War College Foundation.

An avid small-boat enthusiast since his teens, his greatest enjoyment was to be involved in anything that helped expose young people to any form of sailing. He spent countless hours in his boat Tarquin assisting with sailing races in Buzzards Bay for the Beverly Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife, the former Anne Nagel Sweetser, two sons, Jacob Loring Watson of Portland, Maine and Douglas Homer Watson of Marion, two daughters, Elizabeth Hoyt Watson of Felton, California and Mary Sweetser Watson Hawley (Mrs. Richard A.) of Ripton, Vermont, seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion on Saturday, November 5 at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions would be welcome at the Community Boating Center, Inc., Box 41021, New Bedford, MA 02744.

Arrangements are by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, Wareham. For directions and online guestbook, visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com.

Raymond C. Lawrence, age 90, of Rochester passed away Monday, October 24, 2011 peacefully at home after battling cancer. He leaves his wife of 65 years, Agnes "Nan" (Savaria) Lawrence. He was the son of the late George W. and Mildred (Ellis) Lawrence.

Raymond was born in New Bedford and lived most of his life in Rochester. He graduated from New Bedford Vocational High School and then served the country in the Army Air Force for four years during World War II. After being discharged, he

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away, and then idiot me listened to Brenda and we took all these little back roads – she called them shortcuts, ha – which I’ve never been on. They all looked the same.

I think I saw the pond before we spun out. I think we crossed the town line into Rochester. It can’t be more than a ten or fifteen minute walk to the nearest house, but I’m not going out there, I’ll freeze to death! We have no warm clothes with us; no one expects a storm like this so early. We better wait it out here for a while. A plow or someone will come along soon. I won’t be writing journal entries like this all night, that’s for sure. But maybe a day like today will be helpful when I get back to working on that new book. Some crazy thoughts go through your head when you are stranded.
iPhone e-journal entry of Brenda Ritchie, November 30, 2010, 10:01 p.m.

He never listens, ever. All he does is play games on his phone. Or write. Or pretend that he’s writing while he’s playing games on his phone. Did we leave last night, when the weathermen were practically shouting at us through the TV? No. It’s fine, Brenda. It’s not gonna be bad, Brenda. It’ll turn to rain, Brenda. It’s Novemba, Brenda. Moron.

Now we’re stuck and all he can do is type away. This is serious – we have no cell service and no warm clothes, we have to sit and wait, and we’re low on gas! Nothing to eat but Halloween candy. I’m trying to be strong here, but we’ve been stuck for over three hours.

He just sits there and writes. And then tells me he has writer’s block.

iPhone e-journal entry of Jason Ritchie, November 30, 2010, 11:13 p.m.

She started to feel sick and that scared me. So I went outside to try to push the snow away from the tailpipe, and now we are cold because the windows are open a bit. I guess I’m worried, but even if we’re here all night, we’ll be okay. The gas gauge still reads somewhere between an eighth and a quarter.

Wish there was some food. The Halloween candy helps, but it reminds me of the party we went to. The costumes, the haunted theme, the food, the wine, it was great. Until that huge fight on the way home. Doesn’t she understand that writer’s block is real? What does she think, I’m Stephen King and can produce a New York Times Bestseller every year?

I know she wants me to succeed at this. The first

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worked as a construction superintendent for local construction companies in the area including Gilbane, Loranger and Sullivan-Foster. He was also a member of Carpenters Local 1305. Raymond was Rochester's first building inspector.

Raymond, with a strong mechanical aptitude, was happiest when creating a useful tool or implement using parts from obsolete or discarded equipment or appliances. He also enjoyed dining at local restaurants and taking Sunday rides around the region with his loving wife Nan.

Raymond is survived by a son and a daughter: Raymond A. and his wife Annette (Robitaille) Lawrence of Rochester and Carolyn McGarvey of Marston Mills. He was also predeceased by an infant son, Gordon. He has six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He is survived by one sister, Muriel Washburn of Carver.

As Raymond was a very private person, there will be no visiting hours and the services will be for immediate family only.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Kirby Funeral Home.

Meredith (Brown) Besse, 87, of Westerly, RI formerly of Wareham, MA died October 20, 2011 at home. She was the widow of the late Theo T. Besse who died in 1983 and the daughter of the late James S. & Ethel (Steele) Brown.

She was born in Longmeadow, RI and lived in Wareham for many years before moving to Rhode Island in 1985.

Mrs. Besse owned and operated Besse's Barn on Cranberry

Highway in Wareham for 30 years. At the same time she ran a home daycare for many local children. She also worked for Tabor Academy in Marion, MA and Country Acres Bed and Breakfast in Carolina, RI.

She was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Wareham for over 60 years and St. Elizabeth's Church in Canonchet, RI and the Women's Army Corps. She enjoyed singing and crafts. She was an active member of Westerly Songbirds.

Survivors include 2 sons, Samuel Brown of Hope, RI and James E. Besse of Quaker Hill, CT; 2 sisters, Caroline Knox of Westerly, RI and Joyce Fletcher of Westerly. 4 grandchildren, Christine Woodbury of N. Scituate, RI, Donna Gravel of Warwick, RI, Kerri Besse of Brooklyn, NY and Kyle Besse of Griswold, CT; 2 great grandchildren, Amanda and Kayla Woodbury of N. Scituate, RI. She was predeceased by her sisters, Velna Westgate, Dorothy Washko and Joan Dyer.

Her funeral will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011 in the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham. Burial will follow in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, next to her husband.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Wesley United Methodist Church, 462 Main St., Wareham, MA 02571 or St. Elizabeth's Church, 63 Canonchet Rd., Hope Valley, RI 02832 or to Home & Hospice Care of RI, 1085 North Main St., Providence, RI 02904.

There will be a Memorial Service at St. Elizabeth's Church at a date to be announced.

LOCAL CABLE PROGRAMMING



PUBLIC ACCESS

Comcast Channel 9
Verizon Channel 36.1

Sunday October 30, 2011

6:30 AM - Words of Peace
7:00 AM - Second Coming Church
8:00 AM - New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM - Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM - The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM - Physician Focus
11:30 AM - White House Chronicle
Noon - The Register's Report
1:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
1:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
2:00 PM - Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM - The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM - New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:00 PM - Words of Peace
5:30 PM - ATU and the Community
7:00 PM - Deutsche Welle - Arts.21
7:30 PM - The Mattapoisett School Committee Show
8:00 PM - The Register's Report
9:30 PM - ORCTV Community Announcements
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Monday October 31, 2011

8:00 AM - Deutsche Welle - Arts.21
9:00 AM - Your Money Your Life
9:30 AM - Your Next Bold Move
10:00 AM - Army Newswatch
10:30 AM - White House Chronicle
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
3:00 PM - Words of Peace
4:00 PM - Earth Focus
4:30 PM - Explore
5:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show

5:30 PM - Around BCC
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM - Your Daily Gumbo
9:00 PM - Deutsche Welle - European Journal
9:30 PM - Global 3000
10:30 PM - Life Matters
11:00 PM - The David Pakman Show
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Tuesday November 1, 2011

8:00 AM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM - Graceful Aging
9:30 AM - ORCTV's Non Profit Highlights
10:00 AM - Senior Scene
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Midday Movie
1:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - ATU and the Community
3:00 PM - ORCTV Community Announcements
5:30 PM - Graceful Aging
6:30 PM - The Dr. Is In
7:00 PM - Senior Scene
7:30 PM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:00 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents - Careers
9:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
10:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 PM - Physician Focus
11:00 PM - Free Minds TV
Midnight - Midnight Mausoleum

Wednesday November 2, 2011

8:00 AM - Second Act
9:00 AM - Emily's Garden
10:00 AM - Cooking with Marie
10:30 AM - Living Healthy - with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - The Mattapoisett School Committee Show
3:00 PM - Sci-Fi Journal

4:00 PM - The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM - The Register's Report
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
8:00 PM - The David Pakman Show
9:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy - Steve Cassidy
10:30 PM - Life Matters
11:00 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM - Paranormal Generation
Midnight - Midnight Movie
1:30 AM - Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday November 3, 2011

8:00 AM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 PM - Preschool Adventures of Scuba Jack
9:00 AM - The Register's Report
10:00 AM - NASA 360
10:30 AM - Kids a Cookin'
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Midday Movie
3:30 PM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
4:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy - Steve Cassidy
7:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM - The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM - Alternative Root TV
10:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - Midnight Mausoleum

Friday November 4, 2011

8:00 AM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:30 AM - ORCTV Community Announcements
10:00 AM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 AM - Cooking With Marie
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Emily's Garden

3:00 PM - Deutsche Welle - European Journal
3:30 PM - Global 3000
5:00 PM - Explore
5:30 PM - Earth Focus
6:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM - Free minds TV
8:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
8:30 PM - Around BCC
11:00 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM - Paranormal Generation
Midnight - Friday Night at the Drive-In - Midnight Movies

Saturday November 5, 2011

7:00 AM - Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM - Peek-a-boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Preschool Adventures of Scuba Jack
9:30 AM - NASA 360
10:30 PM - Go Fish - With Danny Kenney
11:00 AM - Kids a Cookin'
11:30 AM - The Garage
2:00 PM - Around BCC
2:30 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
3:00 PM - Paranormal Generation
3:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
4:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy - Steve Cassidy
5:00 PM - The City of New Bedford's Arts & Culture Show
5:30 PM - Emily's Garden
6:30 PM - Upper Cape Tech Careers
7:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM - The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM - Alternative Root TV
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - The Dungeon of Dreck

Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule

8:00 AM - Marion School Committee
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Marion School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule
8:00 AM - Rochester School Committee
11:15 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
3:15 PM - Rochester School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 18
Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule
8:00 AM - Upper Cape Tech Presents - Careers
9:00 AM - ORR Sutes and Sweets Concert 2011
10:00 AM - ORRHS - Girls Field Hockey vs. Case
11:00 AM - ORRHS - Video Journalism Class Projects - 'Student Features'
3:00 PM - ORRHS - Bullying by Wayne Soares
5:00 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents - Careers
7:00 PM - ORR Sutes and Sweets Concert 2011
8:00 PM - ORRHS - Video Journalism Class Projects - 'Student Features'

MATTAPoisETT GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 38

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95

book sold well and my name is getting out there. But she seems different lately. Moody. Every time I try to talk to her about it she clams up. I just saw a light. This will be my last journal entry.

iPhone e-journal entry of Brenda Ritchie, November 30, 2010, 11:55 p.m.

I might tell him. It's the only way I am going to get him to listen.

iPhone e-journal entry of Jason Ritchie, December 1, 2010, 12:04 a.m.

Obviously the light was not anything helpful. Maybe some distant lightning or something. Now I'm too tired to write. Too tired to think. How am I supposed to write another whole book?

If there's any consolation to no phones, it's that my agent hasn't been bothering me with calls. And at least we still have heat. I hope this is my last entry.

iPhone e-journal entry of Jason Ritchie, December 1, 2010, 12:11 a.m.

No heat. The engine shut off. Out of gas. I'm trying not to panic, but we are going to be in trouble if no one comes along. I hope this is my last entry.

iPhone e-journal entry of Brenda Ritchie, December 1, 2010, 12:59 a.m.

I want to talk to him, want to tell him that I'm three months along, want to love him, want him to love me like he used to. I am so scared and cold. And he holds his phone close to his shirt and types and types.

iPhone e-journal entry of Jason Ritchie, December 1, 2010, 1:40 a.m.

She is sick and shivering. I held her. Her hugs are so familiar. She whispered in my ear that she is pregnant. It is too cold to type any more. We have to get out of this. We are going to have a family. Please let this be my last entry.

iPhone e-journal entry of Jason Ritchie, December 1, 2010, 2:21 a.m.

Shouldn't have done that got about a hundred feet from car and barely made it back hands in pockets for fifteen minutes still too cold to type need help soon

iPhone e-journal entry of Jason Ritchie, December 1, 2010, 3:15 a.m.

She is shivering so bad still snowing Brenda said she saw light help must be on the way soon \ an having keypad and battery issue with phones so cold more writing later need more time bby

(iPhones and bodies of Jason and Brenda Ritchie recovered by Rochester Police, December 1, 2010, 6:55 a.m.)

And The Winners Are...

At last, we have the results of this year's *Wanderer* Halloween Short Story Contest. Congratulations to **Mark Sollauer** for his story, "The Gothic Knights of Rochester,"

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights October 16-23

- Route 105 – Arrest, OUI
- County Rd – Arrest, Suspended License
- Mill St – Animal Complaint
- Spring St – Disturbance
- Point Rd – Paper Service
- Mill St – 911 Hang-up
- Cottage St – Fire Alarm
- Mill St – Fire Alarm
- Delano Rd – Trespassing
- Main St – General Service
- Tucker Ln – Suspicious Vehicle
- Olde Logging Rd – Animal Complaint
- Indian Cove Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Piney Point Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Front St – Animal Complaint
- Converse Rd – Power Line Down
- Quelle Ln – Suspicious Activity
- Spring St – Suspicious Vehicle
- Front St – Arrest, Protective Custody
- Delano Rd – Medical Emergency
- Aucoot Ave – Suspicious Activity
- Wareham Rd – Building Check
- Oakdale Ave – Larceny
- Wareham Rd – Vehicle Stop
- Delano Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- Mill St – Medical Emergency
- Cranberry Way – Welfare Check
- Front St – Building Check
- Spring St – Suspicious Vehicle
- Wareham Rd – Burglar Alarm

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights October 16-23

- Ned's Point Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- North St – Vandalism
- Industrial Dr – Suspicious Persons
- North St – Fire Alarm
- Wareham, Mutual Aid – Assault, Battery
- Cove St – Suspicious Vehicle
- Dyar Rd – Animal Control
- Holly Woods Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Barstow St – Assault
- Water St – Parking Violations
- County Rd – Animal Control
- County Rd – Property Found
- Aucoot Rd – Ambulance Request
- Ned's Point Rd – Vandalism
- North St – Larceny
- Brandt Island Rd – Animal Control
- Water St – Car Accident
- Aucoot Rd – Vandalism
- River Rd – House Check
- Water St – Property Found
- Barstow St – Ambulance Request
- Acushnet Rd – Ambulance Request
- North St – Safety Hazard
- Industrial Dr – Ambulance Request
- Barstow St – Animal Control
- County Rd – Animal Control
- Hereford Hill Rd – Unwanted Person
- Park St – Welfare Check
- Hitching Post Rd – Suspicious Activity
- Barstow St – Ambulance Request

ROCHESTER

Log highlights October 16-23

- North Ave – Building Check
- North Ave – Noise Complaint
- Mary's Pond Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Dexter Ln – Property Found
- Cushman Rd – Suspicious Activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Vandalism
- Mendell Rd – Ambulance Request
- Hartley Rd – Restraining Order
- North Ave – Erratic Operation
- Neck Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- Pine St – Burglar Alarm
- Snows Pond Rd – Animal Control
- Paradise Ln – Carbon Monoxide Alarm
- North Ave – Vehicle Stop
- Dexter Ln – Soliciting
- Dexter Ln – Hold-up Alarm
- Burgess Ave – Paper Service
- New Bedford Rd – Animal Control
- Neck Rd – Vehicle Stop
- Pine St – Suspicious Activity
- Cranberry Highway – Abandoned 911
- Walnut Plain Rd – Traffic Hazard
- Dexter Ln – Trespass
- Alley Rd – Animal Control
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious Person
- North Ave – Fire
- Quaker Ln – Domestic Disturbance
- Dexter Ln – Domestic Disturbance
- Wolf Island Rd – ATV Complaint
- Walnut Plain Rd – Disabled Vehicle



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, **October 31:** Worms and eyeballs, witch's brew vegetables, "finger" roll, slimy guts.

Tuesday, **November 1:** Beef Bordelaise, whipped potatoes, tarragon carrots, whole wheat bread, chilled fruit.

Wednesday, **November 2:** Minestrone soup, parmesan crumb chicken, Delmonico potatoes, multi grain roll, fresh fruit.

Thursday, **November 3:** Salmon boat w/ lemon dill sauce, confetti rice, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, chilled fruit.

Friday, **November 4:** Lazy man stuffed peppers, rice pilaf, whole wheat roll, graham waffle.

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY CENTER

Monday, **October 31:** Chicken nuggets, steamed peas, oven roasted crinkle cut fries, choice of fruit, Halloween Jell-O, milk.

Tuesday, **November 1:** Southwest chicken wrap with special sauce, cheese, lettuce and tomato, Spanish rice, choice of fruit, milk.

Wednesday, **November 2:** Hamburger or cheeseburger with lettuce and tomato, pasta

and veggie salad, choice of fruit, milk.

Thursday, **November 3:** Steak and cheese sub, steamed carrots, assorted chips, choice of fruit, milk.

Friday, **November 4:** Pizza, fresh garden salad, choice of fruit, milk.

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, **October 31:** Breaded chicken patty on a bun with lettuce and tomato, steamed peas, choice of fruit, Halloween Jell-O, milk.

Tuesday, **November 1:** Southwest chicken wrap with special sauce, cheese, lettuce and tomato, Spanish rice, choice of fruit, milk.

Wednesday, **November 2:** Hamburger or cheeseburger with lettuce and tomato, pasta and veggie salad, choice of fruit, milk.

Thursday, **November 3:** Steak and cheese sub, steamed carrots, assorted chips, choice of fruit, milk.

Friday, **November 4:** Pizza, fresh garden salad, choice of fruit, milk.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, **October 31:** Breaded chicken patty on a bun with lettuce and tomato, steamed peas, choice of fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, **November 1:** Southwest chicken

wrap (wheat or jalapeno wrap) with special sauce, cheese, lettuce and tomato, Spanish rice, choice of fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, **November 2:** Hamburger or cheeseburger with lettuce or tomato, pasta and veggie salad, choice of fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, **November 3:** Steak and cheese sub, steamed carrots, assorted chips, choice of fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, **November 4:** Appetizer platter with dipping sauce, carrot and celery sticks, choice of fruit, milk.

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, **October 31:** Chicken nuggets, steamed peas, smiles, choice of fruit, Halloween Jell-O, milk.

Tuesday, **November 1:** Southwest chicken wrap with special sauce, cheese, lettuce and tomato, Spanish rice, choice of fruit, milk.

Wednesday, **November 2:** Hamburger or cheeseburger with lettuce and tomato, pasta and veggie salad, choice of fruit, milk.

Thursday, **November 3:** Steak and cheese sub, steamed carrots, assorted chips, choice of fruit, milk.

Friday, **November 4:** Pizza, fresh garden, choice of fruit, milk.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION

Monday, **October 31:** Chicken nuggets, steamed peas, smiles, choice of fruit, fruited Halloween Jell-O, milk.

Tuesday, **November 1:** Southwest chicken wrap with special sauce, cheese, lettuce and tomato, Spanish rice, choice of fruit, milk.

Wednesday, **November 2:** Hamburger or cheeseburger with lettuce and tomato, pasta and veggie salad, choice of fruit, milk.

Thursday, **November 3:** Steak and cheese sub, steamed carrots, assorted chips, choice of fruit, milk.

Friday, **November 4:** Pizza, fresh garden salad, choice of fruit, milk.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH

Monday, **October 31:** Early release. No lunches.

Tuesday, **November 1:** Cheeseburger, pasta salad, baked beans, corn, pears.

Wednesday, **November 2:** Sweet and sour chicken over white rice, broccoli, pineapples.

Thursday, **November 3:** Ham and cheese sub, chips, soup, green beans, peaches.

Friday, **November 4:** Chicken nuggets, fries, carrots, fruit.

which was picked by our panel of judges as the winner. Mr. Sollauer is the winner of an iPod Touch.

Marion resident **Emma Wyman** also won an iPod Touch for her Halloween drawing of a cat for the cover. Congratulations, Ms. Wyman!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to enter the contest. We had a record number of entries this year!

• **Short Story Contest:**

The authors for the stories in our short story contest were:

Entry: #1 - The Creepy Swamp by Edward Zyskowski

Entry #2 - "The Gothic Knights of Rochester" by Mark Sollauer

Entry: #3 - "The Pill Bottle Witch" by Heidi C. Schneider

Entry #4 - "Watch Out" by Ashling Gowell

Entry #5 - "Believe Him or Not" by Jacob Rioux

Entry: #6 - "Down on Jack O'Lantern Lane" by Tracy Forand

Entry #7 - "Isibéal's Spell" by Leslie Clingman

Entry #8 - "The Witches of Three Rocks" by Linda Jenkins

Entry: #9 - "Hallow's Eve" by Victoria Wheeler

Entry #10 - "The Ghost Song" by Jack Murray

Entry #11 - "The Perfect Pumpkin" by Anna Murray

Entry #12 - "Eerie Cackle" by Autumn Bishop

Entry #13 - "The Three Witches" by Tayler Lee

Entry #14 - "Fifteen: A Halloween Story" by Melanie W. Santos



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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Above:: Under the direction of Coach Sarah Holick, the ORR Junior Pee Wee Cheerleader Squad collected dry and canned goods for Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet at the Mini Mites football game on October 23, 2011. Photos by Robert Chiarito.



Above: On October 11, 2011, Boy Scouts of America Troop 53 of Mattapoisett helped the Mattapoisett Land Trust remove rocks that had been pushed on shore in a recent storm next to the town wharf. Photo by Bodil B. Perkins.



Above & Below: S'mores, campfires, spooky stories and fun were a part of Salty's Moonlight Soiree on October 22, 2011 at Dunseith Gardens. The annual kids' event is hosted by the Mattapoisett Land Trust. Photos by Felix Perez.



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Entry #15 - "The Boy Who Was Afraid of Halloween" by Jeanne McCarthy

Entry #16 - "The Halloween Mystery" by Danya Bichsel

Entry #17 - "Trick? or Treat?" by Patrick Owen

Entry #18 - "Key to the Best Halloween Ever" by Molly Ross

Entry #19 - "Too Much Candy" by Brittney Santos

Entry #20 - "Ghost Mystery" by Lauren Gonsalves

Entry #21 - "Demon" by Noah Shipper

Entry #22 - "A Spooky Story" by Maxine Kellum

Entry #23 - "Evie" by Emma Higgins

Entry #24 - "Learned How to Live" by Grace Stephens

Entry #25 - "Wait Until Tomorrow" by Ali Hulsebosch

Entry #26 - "Spooky Story" by Jahn Pothier

Entry #27 - "A Snowy End" by Jay Resha

Marion Baptist Concert

On Saturday, **October 29** you are cordially invited to attend a concert of Jazz, Gospel and Contemporary music by Geoff Hicks. Last February, Dr. Hicks led a

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MOVIE REVIEW

Ghost Story

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***Paranormal Activity 3*. Starring Lauren Bittner and Christopher Nicholas Smith. Directed by Ariel Schulman and Henry Joost. Running time: 84 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

There's something to be said for a horror franchise that finds ways to creep around our defenses using the medium itself. The *Paranormal Activity* movies — you may as well get used to them, they're not going anywhere anytime soon — turn us into nervous security guards staring at video footage, staring at the eerily placid and dead frame, staring at each corner of a room, staring, staring AND THEN SOMETHING HAPPENS. As narrative, these films have been lampooned and laughed at, rightly so, I suppose. And the more the movies try to explain everything, the goofier they get. But as pure nerve-ending cinema using stillness and quietude to build dread, this series is hard to beat. A good portion of *Paranormal Activity 3* made me feel like a wire cruelly tightened on a winch. The use of a camera attached to a modified oscillating fan recalls, of all things, the devastating conclusion of Francis Coppola's masterpiece of paranoia *The Conversation*.

This one, like the previous film, is a prequel. It goes back to 1988, when Katie, the haunted protagonist of the original film, and Kristi, her sister and the lead of the second film, were little girls. They live with their mom, Julie (Lauren Bittner), and her boyfriend, Dennis (Christopher Nicholas Smith), who makes a meager living as a wedding-video producer. Dennis has video cameras and home editing equipment — his set-up looks plausibly clunky for the period. (Do not get me started on how a film set in 1988 is already a period film.) Dennis finds a different use for his tools when strange things begin happening around the house. Kristi keeps talking to an "imaginary friend" named Toby, sometimes in the dead of night. There are spooky sounds; there are things caught on video that are just off-kilter enough to be handwaved as VHS artifacting — at first.

Dennis sets up cameras in his and Julie's bedroom, in the girls' bedroom, and downstairs in the kitchen; the last camera he later modifies so that it pans slowly back and forth between the living room and the kitchen.

A babysitter arrives, and the oscillating camera pans, rests on her, pans back. Something appears, then disappears, then appears again; the technique is memorably creepy. The directors Ariel Schulman and Henry Joost, whose previous film *Catfish* was a skin-crawler of a documentary (whose authenticity has been heavily questioned), get us to fixate on the reveal/conceal/reveal rhythm of that camera, and in a later shot it leads to such an abrupt shock — to convince a skeptical character that something weird is indeed happening here — it releases our laughter.

Of course, leaving the house doesn't mean leaving the weirdness behind. The family moves in with Julie's mother, and *Paranormal Activity 3* takes a hard left into literalism that raises more questions than it answers. (*Paranormal Activity 4* will no doubt answer some and raise more.) In order to "add to the mythology" and provide some concrete justification for existing, the *Paranormal Activity* sequels have robbed the original film of its chilling randomness — the sense that anyone, like Katie, can mysteriously attract the amused attentions of a demon. Here we see why Katie and, later, Kristi were so besieged; it has something to do with the dearth of male children in the family, as described in the second film. It's cheesy, like the revelation in *Halloween II* that the killer Michael Myers and the heroine Laurie Strode were actually siblings. What should be left vague and universally threatening becomes, with the addition of new material and old secrets, too specific to this one family; their terrors become solely theirs, not ours.

For most of the film, though, we're scanning those dead frames for evidence of *something*, and we're frightened. I enjoy sitting among a rapt audience for films that so intensely demand attention and absorption. Occasionally you hear a ripple effect of shock in the theater, as one person notices something bizarre and gasps, and then it spreads to other viewers. These movies bring subtlety and mystery — of the visual kind, at least — back to the horror genre. A shadow is just barely glimpsed in a doorway, unannounced by any sort of shrieking "sting" on the soundtrack. Things are there and then not there; things are not there and then, inexplicably, *there*. This series makes a virtue of low budgets and limited technique; *Paranormal Activity 3* cost \$5 million, still peanuts these days, the added expense owing to a few shots that could only be realized with computer effects. I don't think much of where the "story" has gone and is apparently going, but in the moments that count, those silent wolf-hour compositions of gathering dread, the franchise has earned a place of pride in horror history.

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FEMA Flood Plain Meeting

The Towns of Mattapoisett and Marion will be holding a joint public informational meeting relating to the proposed floodplain map amendments.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, **November 10**, at 6:30 pm in the Old Rochester Regional High School Cafeteria.

There will be representatives from the Town's Building Departments, FEMA, Department of Conservation and Recreation and the National Flood

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Sippican School Yard Sale

The Sippican School Safety Patrol is planning a community yard sale on Saturday, **October 29**, from 9:00 to 3:00 pm. The sale will be located at the bus loop entrance to Sippican School in Marion. There will be lots of great items for sale, raffles, and a bake sale. There will also be a collection of care package items to send to the men and women serving in the military.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Mars, your ruling planet, begins a journey that will open up a growing number of possibilities. Put that surging Arian energy to good use and explore it to your heart's content.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is the time to prepare for a career move coming up next month. Update your resume. Get those proposals in shape. And don't forget to buff up that Bovine self-confidence.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your Gemini instincts will guide you to the right people who might be able to help you get over that career impasse that has been holding you back. Expect to make changes.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're getting closer, but you still have a ways to go before reaching your goals. Continue to stay focused, no matter how difficult it can be for the easily distracted Moon Child.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Leonine pride might be keeping you from getting to the source of a disturbing situation. Don't be shy about asking questions. Remember: Information is power.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to shake up your tidy little world by doing something spontaneous, like taking an unplanned trip or going on a mad shopping spree.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to get advice on your plans. But don't act on them until you feel sure that you've been told everything you need to know to support your move.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful. You might be probing just a little too deeply into a situation that you find singularly suspicious. The facts you seek will begin to emerge at a later time.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to make new friends and to look for new career challenges. But first, get all those unfinished tasks wrapped up and out of the way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Relationships need a fresh infusion of tender, loving care. Avoid potential problems down the line. Stay close to loved ones as the month draws to a close.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Aspects favor relationships, whether platonic, professional or personal. On another note: Be a mite more thrifty. You might need some extra money very soon.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This is the absolute right time to let those often-hidden talents shine their brightest. You'll impress some very important people with what you can do.

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Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its next meeting on **November 2** at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Deputy Liisa Budge-Johnson Outreach Coordinator for the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department. Liisa has a new, and timely, presentation titled "Household Highs", which deals with the dangers prescription drugs and inhalants, commonly found in all of our homes, present to young children, as well as, adults. These items, even in small dosages, can prove deadly to an inquisitive or confused mind.

Callers are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy. Please report your lists not later than 9:00 pm on October 31 by calling 508-758-9311 or e-mail GPFNR@aol.com. Members may make last minute changes by calling the same phone number or e-mail no later than 9:00 am on November 1.

Rochester Women's Club

The next meeting of the Rochester Women's Club, scheduled for Thursday, **November 3** beginning at 6:30 pm, will feature a presentation by club member Adrienne

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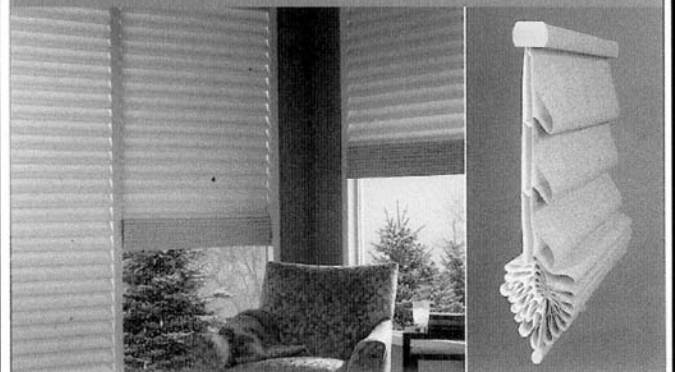
Boutin on "Improving Your Sleep", a topic of interest to women of any age. The presentation will follow a brief business meeting and then be followed by a social hour.

The Rochester Women's Club strives to address the educational, civic, social and cultural needs of members and the community. All women in the greater Rochester area are welcome to join the club. The clubhouse is located on Marion Road, Rochester Center.

Marion Flu Clinic

The Marion Board of Health is pleased to announce that they will sponsor a flu clinic on Monday, **November 7** from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Sippican School, 16 Spring Street.

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If the highest bid for the mortgaged premises in their entirety shall equal or exceed the cumulative total of the highest bids at which the mortgaged premises are sold in the remaining sales, then such entirety sale shall prevail and the other sales shall be voided. Mortgage Holder reserves the right to revise the order and method of sale.</p> <p>The mortgaged premises consist of the following:</p> <p>Lots 74, 75 and 122 on a plan of land entitled “Bay Club at Mattapoisett Definitive Cluster Subdivision Amendment #1 in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts” dated April 17, 2003, recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 47, Page 119 (the “2003 Subdivision Plan”), shown in particular on Sheet L-14, Sheet L-15, and Sheet L-16 of said plan.</p> <p>Lots 76A, 76B and 77A on a plan entitled “Plan of Land of Shagbark Circle and Fieldstone Drive in Mattapoisett Massachusetts” dated June 13, 2007, Sheet 1 of 4, recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 529 of 2007 in Plan Book 53, Page 487.</p> <p>Lots 62B and 100A (as affected by Partial Release of Lot 100A recorded with said Deeds in Book 37499, Page 89) on a plan entitled “Plan of Land on Shagbark Circle and Fieldstone Drive in Mattapoisett Massachusetts” dated June 13, 2007, Sheet 2 of 4, recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 529 of 2007 in Plan Book 53, Page 487.</p> <p>Lots 104A, 105A, 106A, 107A, 108A, 109A, 110A, 111A, 112A, 113A, 114A, 115A, 116A, 117A, 118A and 119A on a plan entitled “Plan of Land of Shagbark Circle and Fieldstone</p>	<p>Drive in Mattapoisett Massachusetts” dated June 13, 2007, Sheet 3 of 4, recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 529 of 2007 in Plan Book 53, Page 487.</p> <p>Lots 123A, 124A, 125A, 126A, 127A, 128A, 129A, 130A, 131A, 132A, 133A and 134A on a plan entitled “Plan of Land of Split Rock Lane in Mattapoisett Massachusetts” dated June 13, 2007, Sheet 4 of 4, recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 529 of 2007 in Plan Book 53, Page 487.</p> <p>Together with the right to use the ways shown on the 2003 Subdivision Plan and on a plan of land entitled “Bay Club at Mattapoisett Definitive Subdivision for Village 6 Amendment #1 in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts” dated April 17, 2003, recorded in said Registry in Plan Book 47, Page 135, as amended by plan of land entitled “Bay Club at Mattapoisett Definitive Subdivision for Village 6 Amendment #2 in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts” dated July 29, 2003, recorded in said Registry in Plan Book 47, Page 384 (the “Village 6 Subdivision Plan”), for pedestrian and vehicular use to have access to and from a public way and for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Mattapoisett, subject to and in common with the rights of others and subject to the rules and regulations as may be adopted from time to time by Bay Club Community Association, Inc.</p> <p>Together with the right to use all easements shown on the 2003 Subdivision Plan and the Village 6 Subdivision Plan including, but not in limitation thereof, drainage easements, walking path easements, driveway easements and emergency access.</p> <p>Lot 100A on a plan entitled “Plan of Land on Shagbark Circle and Fieldstone Drive in Mattapoisett Massachusetts” dated June 13, 2007, Sheet 2 of 4, recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 529 of 2007 in Plan Book 53, Page 487 has previously been released from the Mortgage by Partial Release recorded with said Deeds in Book 37499, Page 89.</p> <p>There is also included in the sale: (i) all improvements, equipment and fixtures situated on the above-described mortgaged premises to the extent the same are part of the realty; and (ii) all right, title and interest, if any, of the Mortgagor in and to all contract rights, trade names and general intangibles arising from or otherwise related to the applicable portion of the mortgaged premises, and all permits licenses, registrations, certificates, authorizations and approvals issued or required to be issued by any governmental authority for the ownership, construction, renovation, use or operation of the applicable portion of the mortgaged premises, and the other personal property described in the Mortgage to the extent relating to the applicable portion of the mortgaged premises, specifically excluding, however, any construction contracts or management contracts (the “Personal Property”). The Personal Property is sold subject to prior liens and encumbrances, if any.</p> <p>Said mortgaged premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the following, if any there be, insofar as in force and applicable and having priority over the Mortgage: any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens, assessments, other liens or claims in the nature of liens, attachments and encumbrances, boundary line disputes, overlaps, encroachments and any matters which would be disclosed by an accurate</p>	<p>survey and inspection of the premises.</p> <p>TERMS OF SALE. A deposit shall be paid by the successful bidder(s) to Bingham McCutchen LLP (“Escrow Agent”) at the time and place of sale as earnest money in the amount of \$50,000 if the mortgaged premises is sold in their entirety, or \$10,000 for each lot (up to a maximum of \$50,000) if lots are sold individually, which deposit shall be held subject to the terms of a Memorandum of Sale to be executed at the sale. Three (3) business days after the sale an additional deposit shall be paid by the successful bidder(s) to the Escrow Agent sufficient to bring the aggregate deposit up to an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the applicable auction price. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Payment of each deposit amount and the balance of the price shall be paid by certified or bank cashier's check. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.</p> <p>In the event that a successful bidder at the public auction shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee's Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the public auction, Mortgage Holder reserves all of its rights against such successful bidder and in addition, Mortgage Holder may, at its election, purchase the property for the amount bid by the successful bidder or sell the property to the second highest bidder at the public auction, provided that Mortgage Holder in its discretion may require, (i) said second highest bidder to deposit with the Escrow Agent the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice to the second highest bidder of the default of the previous highest bidder, (ii) the second highest bidder to execute a Memorandum of Sale, and (iii) the closing to occur within thirty (30) days of said written notice, time being of the essence unless Mortgage Holder agrees otherwise.</p> <p>Mortgage Holder reserves the right to sell any parcel or the Personal Property or any portion thereof separately, or in any order that Mortgage Holder may choose, and/or to postpone this sale to a later time or date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale. The description for the premises contained in the Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.</p> <p>The successful bidder(s) shall pay all recording fees, documentary stamps and deeds excise in connection with the transfer of the premises, the auctioneer's commission of 1.75% of the sale price, any costs of obtaining smoke and carbon monoxide detector certificates and the transfer or issuance of any licenses, all real estate taxes, tax titles, and municipal charges due as of the date of sale and those due thereafter through the date of closing, as well as all of its costs in connection with the transaction, including but not limited to, title examinations and title premiums. No adjustments whatsoever will be made, whether for taxes, municipal charges, utilities or otherwise.</p> <p>Other terms, if any, will be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to sign at the auction sale a Memorandum of Sale containing the terms of sale.</p> <p>SA Group Properties, Inc. Present Holder of said Mortgage</p> <p><i>continued on page 74</i></p>

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Please wear a short-sleeved shirt to the clinic and remember to bring your insurance card. Residents of all ages are encouraged to attend! This clinic is sponsored by the Marion Board of Health.

Rochester Christmas Fair

The Women's Guild will be holding its annual Christmas fair, "A Country Christmas", on Saturday, **November 12, 2011** at the First Congregational Church, Constitution Way, Rochester. Many handmade items, abundant food table, silent auction, children's corner and a delicious luncheon will be served. Doors will open at 9:00 am and close at 2:30 pm.

Mattapoisett COA

- **Exercise:** Mondays at 10:00 am, QiGong (\$2.50); Mondays and Wednesdays at noon, Strength and Balance (\$2.50); Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:45 am, Yoga (\$2.50); Wednesdays at 10:00 am, CardioDance Fit (\$3).

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- **Health:** Tuesdays at 9:30 am, Public Health Nurse (free); Tuesday, November 15 at 2:00 pm, Healthy Eating for Aging Adults (free).

- **Mattapoisett Mah Jongg** – The Mattapoisett Social and Wellness Center in Center School, 17 Barstow Street is offering Mah Jongg every Wednesday at 1:30 pm. Beginning and advanced Mah Jongg players are invited to meet the instructor, Bernice Fastoso, and play on **November 2.**

Learn to play Mah Jongg or add the Wednesday afternoon session to your weekly Mah Jongg schedule. Reserve your place by calling the Center at 508-758-4110.



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<p>By: BINGHAM MCCUTCHEN LLP Its Attorneys Maurice H. Sullivan, III, Esq. One Federal Street Boston, MA 02110 (617) 951-8799 10/20, 10/27 & 11/3</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1000</p> <p>The Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Michael and Carol D'Acci, Brandon and Krystel Empey, Kyle and Jo-Ellen Thompson and Paul Todesca. The petitioners are appealing the Planning Board's approval of a site plan review for a proposed asphalt plant on property located in the Industrial District; plan 17 lots 6, 57 and 58 on Kings Highway. The public hearing will be held on November 10, 2011, 7:30pm at the Rochester Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane. Scott Muller, Vice Chairman 10/20, 10/27</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPoisETT BOARD OF SELECTMAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AQUACULTURE RULES AND REGULATIONS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Center School Cafeteria, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett for the purpose of the public to have an opportunity to make comment on the proposed Mattapoisett Aquaculture Regulations and new provisions of the Waterfront Management Plan.</p> <p>Anyone wishing may present oral or written comment. Paul A. Silva, Chairman Jordan C. Collyer, Vice Chairman Tyler Macallister, Clerk 10/20, 10/27</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7:10 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the application of Cumberland Farms, c/o Douglas A. Troyer, Esq. 45 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 107, Braintree MA 02184 to modify The Marion Planning Board's May 20, 2011 decision concerning Major Site Plan Application.</p> <p>The property is located at 406 Wareham Street and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 13, Lot 22A. Frank (J) Ryder III, Chairman Tom Magauran, Vice -Chairman 10/20, 10/27</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPoisETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 7:05 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Town Hall 1st floor Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA upon the application of Brett D. Sherman, 3 Fairview Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 for a transfer of a on premise all alcoholic package store license currently operating as Seahorse Wine & Spirits, Inc., 59 County Road, Mattapoisett owned by Holly Nadeau of 30 Church Street, Mattapoisett, MA. MA 02739.</p>	<p>The "Manager of Record" to be Brett D. Sherman and the premise to be operated as Seahorse Wine and Spirits. Anyone wishing to make comment may do so by attending this public meeting. Paul A. Silva, Chairman Jordan C. Collyer, Vice Chairman Tyler Macallister, Clerk 10/27, 11/03</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1007</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition Edgewood Development, LLC, 3 Belcher Street, Plainville, MA, property located in the Industrial District; plan 17 lots 6, 57 and 58 on Kings Highway. The hearing will be held on November 10, 2011, 7:45 pm at the Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane. The petitioners are appealing the denial of a building permit. The public hearing will be held on November 10, 2011, 7:45 pm at the Rochester Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane. Rochester Board of Appeals 10/27, 11/03</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF SELECTMAN/BOARD OF ASSESSORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:05 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, for the purpose of determining the classification of real property. Jonathan F. Henry, Chairman Board of Selectmen Ray E. Pickles, Chairman Board of Assessors 10/27, 11/03</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 7:10 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on an Amendment to an Order of Conditions (SE 041-1126) issued to DOLA STEMBERG to reconstruct the existing dwelling and garage at 85 Moorings Road, install an in-ground pool, and make improvements to landscaping, parking and walkways. The Amendment is for minor modifications to the building footprint, details on site grading, relocate the pool, and add a pool house. The site is further identified as Lot 9D on Marion Assessors' Map 20. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Sherman E. Briggs, Jr., Chairman 10/27</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPoisETT BOARD OF SELECTMAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing for a Class II Used Car License will be held upon the application of Jason Andrew Bobola, 9 Perry Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 to sell used cars on property located at 79 Marion Road. Hearing will be held in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 7:20 p.m. Paul A. Silva, Chairman Jordan C. Collyer, Vice Chairman Tyler Macallister, Clerk 10/27, 11/03</p>	<p>Will Take Away for Free Refrigerators, stoves, washers, lawn-mowers, sit-down lawn-mowers. 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Mattapoisett Holiday Faire

Make your list, check it twice, and get your holiday shopping done early! The Mattapoisett Congregational Church's Annual Holiday Faire will be held on **November 12, 2011** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Mrs. Claus and her helpers will feature a host of holiday shops at Reynard Hall, 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett.

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For additional information, please call the church office at 508-758-2671 or email MattCong@verizon.net.

Tri-Town Halloween Happenings

Mark your calendars and break out your costumes! It's time for some spooky fun in the Tri-Town!

- **Marion Halloween Parade** – The volunteer witches of the Marion Art Center have been brewing up plans for the annual Halloween Parade around the town

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of Marion on Monday, **October 31**. Costumed characters of all ages are welcome to be a part of this fun family event. Everyone should meet at 4:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall at 164 Front Street. The Sippican Elementary School Drum Corps, directed by Hannah Moore, will lead the parade followed by witches, goblins, princesses, ghosts and all sorts of spooky and amusing spirits. The parade route goes south on Front Street, then up Main Street, right on to Spring Street and back down Cottage Street to the Music Hall where surprise goody bags will be handed out by the good, kind witches of the Marion Art Center. Come one, come all!

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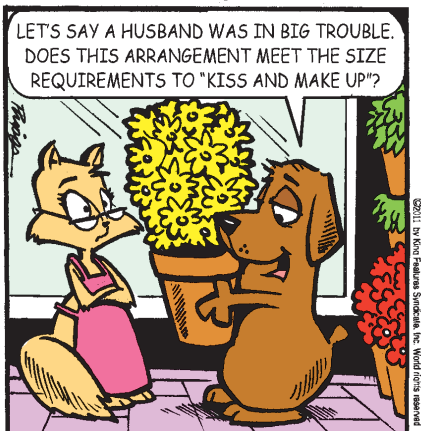
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• **Mattapoisett Halloween Parade** – The annual Mattapoisett Halloween Parade will take place on Monday, **October 31**, and will start at 6:00 pm at the Center School on Barstow Street. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes according to age groups, from preschool/kindergarten to adults.

Rochester PD Announces Entrance Exam

The Rochester Police Department has scheduled an Entrance Exam for the Rochester Police Department on **January 14, 2012**.

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Daniel Torrence	October 31
Amanda Sexton	November 1
Carl Sharpe	November 2

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Tri-Town Relay for Life

Relay For Life of the Tri Town will join over 5,200 other Relay events across the nation in celebrating the ones that have survived, remembering those that we have lost and fighting back against cancer. The Relay For Life of the Tri-Town will begin the planning stages

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Everyone in the community is encouraged to take part in fighting the battle against cancer and hear how they can make a difference in what has become the largest single non-profit organization in the world. For more information, please call Heather at 774-634-9301 or email the event at tritownrelay@comcast.net. You can also follow the group on Facebook or Twitter at Tri-Town Relay. Visit www.RelayforLife.org/TriTownMA for more information.

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ConCom Member Needed

The Town of Marion Conservation Commission (ConCom) has an immediate opening for a new associate member. This is an opportunity for residents looking to participate in town government and activities. ConCom meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday evening of each month and usually last less than two hours. The ConCom conducts a group site visit on the Saturday morning prior to each meeting, which can take two to three hours. There are opportunities to attend professional training events focusing on the procedural and technical aspects of implementing the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

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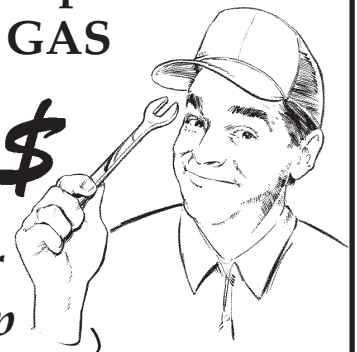
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Rochester Republican Town Committee

The next Republican Town Committee meeting will be held on Saturday, **November 5**, at 10:00 am at the Underhill residence, 570 North Ave. For more information, call Fred Underhill at 508-763-5001.

CRN Thanksgiving Baskets

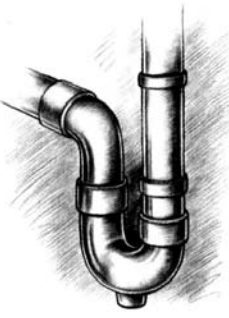
Community Resources Network (CRN) is asking the public's support to help provide Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in Wareham, Rochester, Marion, Buzzard's Bay and Onset. For the past 20 years, contributions have made it possible for CRN to fill baskets with turkeys and all the fixings that provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for hundreds of Families.

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Calls will be accepted Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 11:45 am. No applications will be taken prior to November 2. Reservations will be accepted based on the number of baskets available.

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Marion Art Center News

• **Light Up the Sky** – a comedy in three acts by Moss Hart – The Marion Art Center is now accepting reservations for its production of Moss Hart's *Light Up The Sky*, which opens on Friday, **November 4** and runs on Saturday, **November 5**, Sunday, **November 6** (4:00 pm matinee), Friday, **November 11** and Saturday, **November 12**. Showtimes are 8:00 pm on November 4, 5, 11 and 12 and at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 6.

Moss Hart wrote plays, musicals and a few screenplays from 1930 to 1960. He is well-known for his collaborations with George Kauffman, including *You Can't Take It With You* (1936) and *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (1939). By far his biggest hit was the musical *My Fair Lady* (1956), adapted from George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*, with book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe. The show ran over seven years and won a Tony Award for Best Musical. Hart picked up the Tony for Best Director. His last collaboration was with Lerner and Loewe in the hit musical *Camelot* (1960).

Directed by Rex McGraw, the comedy revolves around a group of New York theatre-folk who attend the opening of their new play in Boston. It is a "backstage" comedy, in which the lead actress (played by **Cynthia Latham**), the Producer (played by **Jay Ryan**), the Director (played by **Jay Gould**) and their close friends and spouses (played by **David Horne** as the older playwright, **Emily Chandler**, **Susie Kokkins**, **Gary Taylor**, **Donna DeTerra** and **Mark Letourneau**), are in various states of nervousness,

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Reservations are highly recommended, and can be made by calling 508-748-1266. Cabaret table seating is available for reserved parties of four or more. The Marion Art Center is located at 80 Pleasant Street, in Marion, MA 02738.

Flood Plain Maps

The Mattapoisett Building Department has the preliminary flood plain maps for viewing during normal office hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Town Hall.

These maps will not be effective until the town approves them at Annual Town Meeting in May 2012. If you have any questions, call the Mattapoisett Building Department at 508-758-4100, ext. 9.

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October 29:	Sat.	10:23	10:48	3:18	4:19
October 30:	Sun.	11:18	11:44	4:06	5:11
October 31:	Mon.	...	12:16	4:56	6:09
November 1:	Tues.	12:43	1:15	5:51	7:30
November 2:	Wed.	1:41	2:13	7:00	9:00
November 3:	Thurs.	2:40	3:12	9:24	9:56
November 4:	Fri.	3:40	4:12	10:32	10:32
November 5:	Sat.	4:38	5:08	11:16	10:58
November 6:	Sun.	4:31	4:57	10:49	10:24
November 7:	Mon.	5:17	5:40	11:18	10:56
November 8:	Tues.	5:58	6:19	11:51	11:31
November 9:	Wed.	6:35	6:55	...	12:26
November 10:	Thurs.	7:09	7:31	12:11	1:04
November 11:	Fri.	7:43	8:07	12:47	1:42
November 12:	Sat.	8:17	8:45	1:25	2:20
November 13:	Sun.	8:54	9:27	2:05	2:56

Phases of the Moon	New Moon	October 26th
	First Quarter	November 2nd
	Full Moon	November 10th
	Last Quarter	November 18th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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If you would like to enter the monthly drawing by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Entries by mail will not be eligible for Aardvark Points.

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off the mark by Mark Parisi



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